

Critics: DNA databases are helpful but a menace to privacy

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Stateline.org (TNS)

WASHINGTON — Nearly two years after the arrest of the suspected Golden State Killer revitalized DNA forensics, some state lawmakers around the country are pushing to stop or restrict police searches of genetic code databases.

Other lawmakers, meanwhile, want to make it even easier for police to use the technique, known as investigative genetic genealogy, to catch criminals.

Inspired by the capture of the alleged Golden State Killer, police across the United States are uploading crime-scene DNA to GEDmatch and other databases where purchasers of genetic testing kits from companies such as 23andMe and Ancestry can share their DNA in hopes of finding long-lost relatives.

Arrests have been made in dozens of cases — many that had been considered cold. Advocates of the practice tout the ability to find people who committed horrible crimes and exonerate those who did not.

“I believe, 100 percent, that DNA is the greatest tool ever given to law enforcement to find the truth, whatever that is,” said Anne Marie Schubert, independent district attorney of Sacramento County, Calif., where the suspected Golden State Killer was arrested.

But law enforcement’s use of the DNA databases has opened another front in the growing battle over digital privacy. Should third parties — in this case, police — have access to personal data people generate by using consumer technology? And should investigators be allowed to use the technique to solve all crimes, or only the most violent ones?

Americans are divided on whether police should use in-

vestigative genetic genealogy to solve crimes, according to a recent study released by the Pew Research Center. (The Pew Charitable Trusts funds the center and Stateline.) In a June survey of more than 4,200 U.S. adults, 48 percent said they were OK with DNA testing companies sharing customers’ genetic data with police. A third said it was unacceptable, and 18 percent were unsure.

“What we have right now we can call the Wild West. There aren’t a lot of rules on the ground,” Natalie Ram, an associate professor of law at the University of Maryland, said in an interview. “State legislatures are one of the best-situated bodies to engage in rule-making in this area.”

A state representative in Utah introduced a bill that would ban genetic genealogy searches by police. A Maryland lawmaker introduced a bill to regulate searches — after a proposal last year to ban them failed. In New York, a state senator has proposed a policy to allow the searches. A Washington state proposal would allow only searches requested through a valid legal process.

And three direct-to-consumer testing companies have formed a coalition and are lobbying Congress for federal oversight to restrict police access to their databases and protect consumer privacy.

Schubert expressed skepticism about legislative proposals cropping up.

“If they want to weigh in on it, that’s fine, as long as they understand what it is, how it works and what it does and doesn’t do,” she said. “It shouldn’t be a race to see who can be the first to ban it or vice versa.”

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The man accused of being the Golden State Killer, Jo-



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Sales of direct-to-consumer DNA testing kits have boomed in recent years. Big industry players such as 23andMe support legislation that would limit law enforcement searches of their databases.

seph James DeAngelo, was arrested after investigators uploaded crime-scene DNA to online genealogy database GEDmatch, matched it partially to his great-great-great-grandparents, built family trees of relatives and eventually traced it to him. Police obtained surreptitious samples of DeAngelo’s DNA to confirm the match.

After DeAngelo’s arrest, Schubert started a nonprofit with a few other law enforcement figures called the Institute for DNA Justice. They aim to educate the public about investigative genetic genealogy. And they encourage people to upload their DNA to GEDmatch or FamilyTreeDNA, another open database, to help police.

Schubert said police don’t get behind-the-scenes, unlimited access to peruse DNA databases, despite what many people believe. Instead, investigators upload a DNA profile and get a list of matches and partial matches like the average user, she said in an inter-

view.

The rest is traditional police work: using leads to narrow down the matches to a person who fits the description of the suspect, gathering a surreptitious sample and comparing it with the crime scene DNA profile.

“It is a blend of science and traditional law enforcement,” she said.

More than 15 million people worldwide had undergone direct-to-consumer DNA testing by early 2018, according to a report from the journal Science. Researchers estimated that 60 percent of searches of a database with 3 million U.S. residents of European descent could lead to a third cousin or closer match.

By the end of 2019, GEDmatch’s database had been used to solve at least 70 U.S. violent crimes. Verogen, a forensic genomics company, bought GEDmatch in December, and said that the use of its database as a crime fighting tool — for people who share DNA and opt in to police

searches — would continue.

Forensics company Parabon Nanolabs has relied on public databases such as GEDmatch to identify 83 crime suspects and 11 homicide victims since May 2018, when it began offering genetic genealogy service to law enforcement agencies, said Paula Armentrout, the company’s vice president, in an email. The company charges law enforcement \$1,500 to process DNA and another \$3,500 for the genealogy research time.

GEDmatch faced criticism last year when a BuzzFeed investigation revealed the company allowed police to upload a DNA profile to investigate an aggravated assault. The website, which was started by a DNA hobbyist, previously restricted police searches to homicide and rape cases. GEDmatch changed its policy so that users had to opt in to law enforcement searches.

About 1.4 million people have profiles on GEDmatch, and more than 200,000 have

Millions of people can vote but don’t, even in swing states. Here’s why

By **JONATHAN LAI** and **JULIA TERRUSO**
The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)

PHILADELPHIA — Patricia Robinson registered to vote when she was 18.

At 79, she still hasn’t seen anybody worth voting for.

“I don’t vote because I haven’t seen anybody that doesn’t have their hand into something,” she said. “They’re all a bunch of crooks.”

Robinson, a retired hospital worker in Erie, is one of 100 million people who sit out election after election, according to a new study. Nonvoters have a number of reasons for not participating. But in general they tend to dislike politicians and political parties, distrust the electoral system to accurately count votes and the political system to fairly represent people, and disengage from news in favor of entertainment.

Like Robinson, most of them could cast ballots — relatively few say systemic electoral barriers are primary obstacles. But they feel uninformed, uninterested, and simply don’t feel like their votes count, according to the study of nonvoters by the Knight Foundation.

The study paints a complex picture of a massive potential voting bloc:

■ People of color make up a greater share of nonvoters than active voters, and nonvoters tend to be less educated, poorer and younger.

■ Nonvoters tend to passively encounter news, rather than actively seek it out.

■ People who don’t vote are less partisan and about equally split on key issues and on support for or opposition to President Donald Trump.

■ Nationally, nonvoters would add about equal numbers to Democrats or to Republicans. But there are key differences across swing states, and nonvoters in Pennsylvania tend to lean toward supporting Trump.

■ While a small majority of nonvoters, about 57 percent, say the 2020 elec-

tion is more important than previous elections in their lifetimes, that’s significantly lower than the 73 percent of active voters who say the same.

■ About 55 percent of nonvoters nationally say they are certain they will vote this time, though that remains to be seen.

The Knight Foundation’s “100 Million Project,” released last week, defined nonvoters as people who aren’t registered to vote or who, despite being registered, voted in no more than one national election in the last 10 years. Researchers surveyed 4,002 nonvoters nationwide and also polled 1,002 active voters who participated in three or more elections in that time.

Nonvoters say most people they know vote and that casting a ballot is easy. It’s a group that could easily swing an election — and upend the political landscape, turning battlegrounds into solidly safe Republican or Democratic states, and vice versa.

Why people don’t vote

No politician could convince Robinson to vote, she said: “They haven’t done anything for anybody but themselves.”

Robinson rattled off the ways politicians have disappointed her over the years, like a fire chief charged with embezzlement and a council president indicted on fraud and theft for stealing from a nonprofit.

Disliking candidates was the No. 1 reason people gave for not voting, followed by assuming their vote wouldn’t make a difference.

But those answers may mask the depth of nonvoters’ feelings of disaffection, said Yanna Krupnikov, a political science professor at Stony Brook University and adviser on the survey. When many people say no candidates appeal to them, she said, that’s a proxy for “I don’t really feel part of this.”

“People have a hard time

explaining just how disengaged they are,” Krupnikov said. “It’s really hard to explain why we don’t like something or want to do something, especially if it’s something we believe we’re supposed to be doing.”

Getting people to vote

One thing that does increase turnout: social pressure.

That’s how Robinson actually did end up voting in one presidential election. She can’t remember what year it was, and whether it was for George W. Bush or Bill Clinton, but she remembers she went out to the polls that day because a bunch of her co-workers were going.

Some groups have begun putting that research into practice through a variety of mailers and apps that tell nonvoters they’re surrounded by voters, or even threaten to publicly shame them by publicizing that they don’t vote.

Those lead to real increases in turnout. So do social media nudges.

What doesn’t seem to be the major problem, though, is election law and rules. Like other surveys, the Knight Foundation study found that systemic barriers rank low-est among the reasons for not voting, and expanding access to the ballot through more flexible options would only affect a relatively small number of nonvoters.

In battleground states such as Pennsylvania, where razor-thin margins lead campaigns to fight for every possible vote, some candidates have tried in the past to mobilize nonvoters. But converting them into political participants requires a heavy investment.

“If you are looking to really make a difference in a close race you have to talk to the people who are most likely to turn out, and you’ve got to talk to them at the doors,” said Trevor Maloney, a Democratic political strategist who ran Jamie Gauthier’s successful 2019 race to

agreed to law enforcement searches of their DNA, according to Verogen spokeswoman Kim Mohr.

“We support responsible use of consumer genetic databases by law enforcement and would not be in favor of legislation that prohibits such searches of people who have opted in,” Mohr said in an email.

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Proposals to define when police can use DNA searches align, at least in part, with the federal legislation a trio of big player DNA companies — Ancestry, 23andMe and Helix — support.

The companies formed a group called the Coalition for Genetic Data Protection to push to require police to follow a “valid legal process,” such as a court order or warrant, to search consumer databases, according to coalition Executive Director Steve Haro, who is also a principal at Mehlman Castagnetti Rosen & Thomas, the Washington, D.C., lobbying firm that runs the coalition.

According to their privacy policies, the three companies block law enforcement searches unless legally required.

But in practice, not even the legal threshold has been enough: “These companies will exhaust all legal measures to ensure their customer privacy is protected,” Haro said.

For example, last year Ancestry received a warrant seeking access to its database but challenged the warrant on jurisdictional grounds and didn’t provide information, according to its transparency report.

“With something as important as consumer privacy,” Haro said, “it deserves to be dealt with at the federal level with one comprehensive piece of legislation.”

LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

\$70 million

Michigan

Poker Lotto

8C-6D-3H-8H-7S

Midday Daily 3

7-4-9

Midday Daily 4

0-4-2-6

Daily 3

8-3-7

Daily 4

3-7-3-5

Fantasy 5

01-10-17-19-27

Keno

01-02-04-06-07-13-20-

27-29-30-31-32-39-

42-45-49-57-60-71-75-

79-80

Mega Millions jackpot

\$55 million

Powerball jackpot

Sunday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5

02-07-17-33-35

Estimated jackpot

\$397,000

Cash4Life

05-26-32-46-50, Cash

Ball: 2

Quick Draw Midday

03-06-08-18-23-28-

29-34-37-41-44-45-48-

49-56-58-65-70-77-80,

BE: 48

Daily Three-Midday

5-6-9, SB: 5

Daily Three-Evening

0-9-3, SB: 8

Daily Four-Midday

7-3-2-1, SB: 5

Daily Four-Evening

9-6-5-5, SB: 8

Quick Draw Evening

09-17-19-21-23-25-

28-31-32-42-52-56-59-

66-71-72-77-78-79-80,

BE: 72

Illinois

LuckyDay Lotto Midday

12-21-31-38-40

Pick Three-Midday

3-2-0, Fireball: 1

Pick Three-Evening

2-1-7, Fireball: 3

Pick Four-Midday

3-9-7-6, Fireball: 7

Pick Four-Evening

5-0-0-3, Fireball: 9

Lucky Day Lotto

07-17-21-37-40

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City proposes up to 27 rec marijuana licenses

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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HARTFORD — There could be up to 27 recreational marijuana licenses issued in Hartford if its ordinance is approved next month.

The Hartford City Commission did the first reading of its proposed recreational marijuana ordinance Monday night, with few questions from commissioners.

City Manager Yemi Akinwale said the ordinance has been given the green light by the city’s attorney.

The proposed ordinance would allow five Class A (500 plants) growing licenses, three Class B (1,000 plants) growing licenses and five Class C (1,500 plants) growing licenses. It would also allow five processing facilities, two secure transporters, four dispensaries

and two safety compliance facilities. It is possible that one business could get licensed for several aspects of the business, giving them multiple licenses.

The number of licenses is the same amount of medical marijuana licenses that the city allows, setting up businesses to handle both medical and recreational product.

The only addition is that one recreational marijuana

micro business would be allowed, a type of facility that was introduced with Michigan’s recreational marijuana law passed in 2018.

Commissioner Terry Tibbs did ask if there was anything in the ordinance regarding odor, as he has heard other municipalities have dealt with grow operations emitting a smell.

The ordinance states, “Estab-

lishments or other regulated activity authorized by Rules promulgated by the state may not emit noxious odors or fumes, in accordance with the city’s zoning ordinance.”

If the ordinance is approved by city commissioners at their March 23 meeting, it would go into effect 30 days after.

The commissioners narrowly supported writing a recreational marijuana ordi-

nance at its January meeting, 4-3.

Medical marijuana facilities are the first allowed to apply for recreational licenses from the state.

The owners of Med+Leaf, the only medical marijuana facility up and running in Hartford, have said they will seek to be pre-approved by the state and open for

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Snow and ice were built up on half of the South Pier, but that didn’t stop fishermen from casting their lines from the ice-free section into the river on Monday.

Don Campbell / HP staff

SMC

to raise tuition by 1.8 percent

Slightly higher hikes announced for out-of-district students

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

DOWAGIAC — With state aid to community colleges likely not to increase by very much this year, Southwestern Michigan College trustees decided Monday to increase tuition rates by less than 2 percent for the 2020-21 school year.

SMC President Joe Odenwald noted that while Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has proposed a 2.5 percent increase in aid to community colleges, the final number approved by the Legislature will likely be less than that. He noted that

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SOUTH HAVEN

Davidson leaves big shoes to fill

Retiring city administrator has made her mark in multiple roles over the years

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Over the past two decades, Deb Davidson has worn many hats, so to speak, as an administrator at city hall. Soon, however, she’ll be taking on a new role — one that involves spending more time with family and friends.

That’s because Davidson has announced her retirement, effective May 29.

“Deb has decided to pursue greener pastures,” City Manager Brian Dissette said.

“It really has been an enjoyable journey,” Davidson said regarding her career with the city of South Haven.

She started in 2000 as city clerk. Three years later she was asked to step up to become communications manager, Downtown Development Authority director and the city’s grant writer/administrator.

“She’s worn a variety of hats,” Dissette said. “I can’t stress enough the person who will fill her shoes has very big shoes to fill.”

Probably one of Davidson’s biggest accomplishments over the years has involved helping the city obtain millions of dollars

in state and federal grants and overseeing the implementation of improvement projects made possible with those grant dollars.

Some of those projects included the complete reconstruction of key downtown streets, beach improvements, and land acquisitions for the extension of South Beach.

“The next time you walk down Phoenix, the next time you drive down Williams ... if you’ve ever spent time on South Beach or walking along Monroe Boulevard where we acquired additional space to extend the beach ... these are all projects that Deb had her fingerprints on,” Dissette said.

“I have had my hand in writing many of the grant applications, whether independently or jointly with engineers and consultants,” Davidson acknowledged.

She listed completion of the \$2.4 million Phoenix Street reconstruction project in 2013 as one of her most memorable moments with the city.

The project involved closure of two blocks of downtown’s main street for nearly a year. As merchants made the best of the situation, the city helped by putting

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Photo provided / Tom Renner

Deb Davidson is shown with a state proclamation and plaque she received in 2019 for earning the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce’s Lifetime Achievement award. Davidson, who plans to retire from the city of South Haven in May, serves as the city’s communications manager, Downtown Development Authority director and grant writer / administrator.

MSP

to host recruiting seminar

DOWAGIAC — The Michigan State Police will host a recruiting seminar on Saturday, March 21 at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac, according to a news release.

The event will run from from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees are asked to arrive by 9:45 a.m. The seminar will be hosted in the activity center off Dailey Road.

Recognizing the importance of a diverse workforce, the MSP is committed to reflecting the communities it serves. This free seminar will explain the variety of career opportunities available, as well as insight and answers on recruit

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VandenHeede to challenge Paquette for state House seat

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

NILES — Niles City Councilman Dan VandenHeede has thrown his hat in the ring to run for the 78th state House district seat currently held by Republican Brad Paquette.

VandenHeede, 52, is running as a Democrat and is the only person of either party so far to file to run for that seat.

Paquette, a former Niles teacher, is in his first term and has indicated he will seek re-election.

VandenHeede has served on the Niles City Council, representing the Second Ward on the city’s east side, for more than 20 years. He will not



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seek re-election to that seat now that he’s running for the House.

VandenHeede retired last year from Dowagiac Union High School, where he was a social studies teacher and coach. He is a Niles native and received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in history from Western Michigan University. He and his wife, Jodie, have three adult children.

Issues important to him include civic involvement, school and local government funding, sustainability and infrastructure. He founded the Dowagiac Peace Group and Dowagiac Greenhouse Club, as well as the Niles Community Gardens. Most recently he has spearheaded the effort to clean up the former National-Standard complex on Wayne Street in Niles.

VandenHeede said his experience in local government and public schools made him realized that it is not just Michigan’s roads that have been underfunded and left to crumble. Local communities and schools have been asked by the state to do more while facing the brunt of state budget cuts.

“If we want to attract business, workers and families to Michigan, we need to not

only invest in our infrastructure, but in our future,” he said in a news release announcing his candidacy. “To do this we need to restore revenue sharing cuts to local communities and adequately fund public schools.”

He said he would work for a restructuring of the state’s tax system in order to start rebuilding Michigan’s roads,

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Michigan teacher won't let student write about gay marriage

MONTROSE (AP) — A Michigan teacher has denied a request from a student with two mothers to write about same-sex marriage for a class assignment.

Destiny McDermitt, a junior at Hill McCloy High School in Montrose, was given an assignment earlier this month to write a speech discussing an issue they felt strongly about and to take a stand for or against it, M-Live reported.

The teacher, who the district is not naming, allegedly told McDermitt she couldn't write about same-sex marriage because the topic could offend someone in the class, according to McDermitt and other students in the classroom at the time.

McDermitt wanted to ask her classmates if the topic offended them, but the teacher allegedly said no. The student wrote a complaint letter to school administrators and later moved to a different class.

“(It) offended me because I have two moms (who) are married and I really thought it was inappropriate,” McDermitt wrote.

Linden Moore, Montrose Community Schools superintendent, said the district investigated the incident and concluded McDermitt's topic was not the only one denied and that the teacher needed to



Christine Jackson, left, and Angela McDermitt-Jackson hold each other closely on Feb. 13 at their home in Montrose. The couple was married in Chicago in 2015. Their family is upset that daughter Destiney McDermitt was not allowed to write about gay marriage for a paper in school.

be more clear about the parameters of her assignments.

“The teacher was thinking smaller and the kids were thinking bigger,” Moore said.

In the description of the “Take a Stand Speech” assignment, there were no restrictions that applied specifically to same-sex marriage. The only topics banned from being picked were issues written about in another class or “anything that is awkward

or inappropriate for a school audience.” Abortion was listed as an example.

A section of the school policy titled “Controversial Issues” states the Montrose Board of Education believes that the consideration of controversial issues have a legitimate place in the instruction in schools.

McDermitt's parents, Angela McDermitt-Jackson and Chris Jackson, were married in Illinois months before the

2015 U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalized same-sex marriage across the country. McDermitt-Jackson was upset to hear her daughter was not allowed to write about the topic.

“We're grown adults. These are our children,” McDermitt-Jackson said. “We went through issues when we decided to be together, but these are our children. They don't need to be subjected to it.”

Four suburban Detroit students arraigned for alleged hazing

WARREN (AP) — Four suburban Detroit high school football players were arraigned Monday on misdemeanor assault and battery charges in connection with an alleged locker room hazing incident.

Michael Anthony Young, Sean Vanard Bonery and Rick Dwayne Pearson, all 18, and 17-year-old Galiko Tyreese Lovelace attend Warren De La Salle Collegiate High School.

The four among seven students accused of hazing. They were arraigned before 37th District Judge Matthew P. Sabaugh. All four pleaded not guilty and were released on \$1,000 personal bonds.

Jack Kramer, the attorney for Lovelace, said he believes the investigation into the alleged hazing has been “tainted from the beginning,” adding his client denies being involved in hazing.

“He's a good kid. He's a good student. He's a good athlete,” Kramer said in court. “He's looking forward to clearing his name.”

Warren police began investigating the alleged assault on other players with broomsticks in October. After St. Clair County Prosecutor Michael Wending and Warren Police Commissioner William Dwyer made a public plea for help several witnesses, including two alleged victims, came forward.

Three students were suspended for more than two months in connection with the alleged hazing. A racial discrimination lawsuit the students filed against the school was settled in January, and the students returned to class.

Lawyers for the four arraigned students have criticized the school's handling of the investigation. All seven of the defendants charged are African American, as are the two alleged victims, although white football players were said to be involved.

“It's interesting that all seven of the accused are African American,” Kramer said. Added attorney Paul Addis, who is representing Pearson and Young, added that, “It just seems rather coincidental.”

Consumers Energy plans net zero carbon emissions

JACKSON (AP) — Consumers Energy said Monday it plans to reduce carbon emissions to net zero over the next two decades by eliminating coal from its fuel mix and boosting use of renewable power sources.

The announcement by the utility based in Jackson, Michigan, follows the release last year of a plan for providing electricity to about 6.7 million Michigan residents by 2040 while cutting output of greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.

Consumers hasn't settled on all the details for slashing carbon output from the power it generates or buys for distribution to customers, said Patti Poppe, president and CEO. But 90 percent of the savings will come from phasing out coal and helping users boost efficiency and lessen waste, which will avoid the need to build three new power plants, she said.

“We have the know-how and the time to continue innovating and creating to solve this problem,” Poppe said.

While making greater use of wind and solar power, Consumers will continue operating two natural gas-fired plants.

Grants seek market-based reductions of Great Lakes pollution

By JOHN FLESHER

AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY — Federal grants totaling more than \$1.8 million are being awarded to five organizations for projects that will use market-based approaches to reducing nutrient pollution that helps cause harmful algae blooms in the Great Lakes, officials said Monday.

The funding will come through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a program that deals with some of the region's most persistent ecological threats, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

“Addressing emerging

challenges, like excess nutrients in our waters, requires creative solutions,” Administrator Andrew Wheeler said in a statement. “This EPA funding will help build on existing state, local and tribal efforts and support innovative tools and technologies that will deliver critical water quality improvements at a lower cost.”

Scientists say excessive runoff of nutrients, primarily phosphorus, feeds algae blooms that degrade water quality and in some cases produce toxins. Gigantic masses form each summer on Lake Erie's western basin. They also have shown up in Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay.

Michigan, Ohio and the Canadian province of Ontario have pledged to seek a 40 percent reduction of phosphorus runoff into western Lake Erie by 2025. The primary sources are fertilizers and manure from farms and sewage treatment plants. Septic tanks and runoff from urban streets and yards also contribute.

The newly awarded grants are the first since the restoration initiative got underway in 2010 that resulted from competitive applications for water quality trading projects, EPA said. Such projects enable businesses or facilities to cut costs of reducing contamination by purchasing credits from others that have done more than required to curtail pollution.

Farmers can earn credits through best management practices such as planting off-season cover crops that keep soil and fertilizers on fields instead of washing into waterways, said Bill Schleizer, CEO of the Chicago-based Delta Institute, one of the grant recipients.

Its project will seek to reduce pollution in Michigan's Kalamazoo River watershed. “These innovative projects will encourage cost-effective ways to reduce the excess nutrients that can lead to algal blooms and other water-quality issues,” said regional administrator Kurt Thiede said.

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communities and schools. He noted that the state Legislature is going on 10 years of complete Republican control.

“In this time, Republicans have eliminated the personal property tax for business as well as the Single Business Tax, while increasing motor vehicle registration

fees and placing a tax on retiree's pensions,” he said. “Currently the top 20 percent of earners in Michigan pay a collective State tax rate that is 50 percent lower than the bottom 20 percent of earners.”

VandenHeede said he wants to be part of the change to flip the tax structure and start investing in the state's collective future. His website is danvandenheede.com, and his Facebook page is Elect Dan VandenHeede.

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training, the lifestyle of a trooper and positions available.

The minimum requirements for consideration of employment are as follows:

- Applicants must be at least 21 years of age by recruit-school graduation, of good moral character and have no felony convictions.

- Must be a U.S. citizen and a Michigan resident at the time of appointment to

the academy.

- Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED.

- Applicants must have a satisfactory driving record, and a stable credit history is required.

- The starting salary at the beginning of recruit school is approximately \$50,000 annually, with a raise upon completion of one year.

To attend the seminar, RSVP to Trooper Kellie Shaffer, at Shafferk@michigan.gov. Attire for this event is business casual.

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up signs guiding motorists and pedestrians to detours to gain access to the downtown. But when the dust settled, the street was transformed into one featuring new, badly needed infrastructure, a new concrete street, curbs, bump-outs, landscaping, new street lamps and traffic lights, no more overhead wiring and the addition of free Wi-Fi.

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recreational sales as soon as the ordinance goes into effect.

PFAS

In other business, representatives from Abonmarche, an engineering firm, asked city commissioners if they would support the creation of a plan to connect some

improvements completed,” Davidson said, was a day that will linger in her mind for quite awhile, as will the completion in May of another big downtown project — the reconstruction of six blocks of Center Street. With a price tag of \$2.7 million the project will be similar to improvements made to Phoenix Street — new infrastructure, a new street, curbs, sidewalks, landscaping and lighting.

“I am looking forward to seeing the completion of Center Street before I retire,” Davidson said.

She has also enjoyed working with the downtown merchants, many of whom, she said, have become lifelong friends, and seeing beaches become more accessible and accommodating to water enthusiasts.

“I wrote the grant for South Beach improvements and am very proud of that particular grant,” Davidson went on to say.

Once she does retire, Davidson says she'll miss the day-to-day grind of working at city hall.

township properties into the city's water system.

The properties would be those in the area of Hartford Township, around the former Du-Wel Metal Products plating facility, that was found to be contaminated with PFAS last year.

Testing revealed that 36 residential wells out of 59 tested in Hartford had some amount of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

The Abonmarche represen-

tatives said there would be no cost to the city, except for help in applying for a state grant to help with the costs of the project. They said, realistically, that construction would begin next spring.

“Everyone's entitled to clean water,” Mayor Rick Hall said, “and it's something that needs to be done.”

Akinwale said in his monthly report that the city is already working with 13 property owners, along Red

“I love my job, so it is bittersweet leaving the city,” she said. “But it's all about time. I intend to enjoy time with the five grandchildren and my dad, travel with my husband, rockhounding on the beach and volunteer work. That's the short list.”

The city has posted Davidson's three-tiered job, now titling it as director of community development.

“I'm hopeful to keep her (Davidson) working on a contract basis to train her replacement, but that is to be determined,” Dissette said.

SMC

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Whitmer proposed a 3 percent increase last year and the legislature only approved an increase of less than 1 percent.

Odenwald recommended and board members approved a 1.8 percent tuition increase for in-district students for next year, which is similar to the 1.9 percent increase approved for the current school year. In-state and out-of-state rates will go

up 2 percent, while tuition rates for dual-enrolled high school students and international students will stay the same.

“The dual-enrolled numbers grow every year and K-12 districts are also feeling a pinch,” he said. “We get to know these students when they're still in high school and we think we have a good chance of getting them to come here for college. I think this is the most sensible thing to do.”

SMC Vice President Susan Coulston reported that regis-

tration and technology fees will go up slightly, by 75 cents and \$1, respectively.

The tuition rates next year will be \$125.50 per contact hour for in-district students, \$164.75 per contact hour for in-state students, and \$179.50 per contact hour for out-of-state students.

Coulston said the SMC tuition hike is similar to what other community colleges in Michigan are planning for the 2020-21 year. It also allows the college to keep pace with the wage hikes negotiated last fall with SMC

full-time faculty. Faculty is getting a 2 percent increase this year and 3 percent each of the following two years.

“We need this increase in order to fund that and it's also what we need to do to keep on budget and be able to fund projects,” she said.

Odenwald and Board President Tom Jerdon both agreed that it's better for students and for the college to have small regular increases than a tuition freeze followed by a large increase.

In other business, board members gave their approv-

al to the renovation of the chemistry labs at the Niles Area Campus, which will allow the college to expand the number of students the labs can serve. The renovation will allow for 30 students rather than the current 22 students in each chemistry class section.

Coulston said the college received five bids ranging from \$482,000 to \$604,000, which were all over the estimate of \$300,000 to \$400,000. She asked for and received approval from the board to accept the lowest

bid that meets specifications. The two lowest bidders were Brussee-Brady of Three Rivers and Pearson Construction of Benton Harbor.

Board members formally accepted the resignation of board member Dr. Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman. She is resigning because she is moving out of the district. Board members will accept applications through March 5 and then hold a special meeting to appoint a new member. The person appointed will serve until the November election.

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U.S. appeals court upholds Trump rules involving abortions

By **GENE JOHNSON**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — In a victory for the Trump administration, a U.S. appeals court on Monday upheld rules that bar taxpayer-funded family-planning clinics from referring women for abortions.

The 7-4 ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned decisions issued by judges in Washington, Oregon and California. The court had already allowed the administration's changes to start taking effect while the government appealed those rulings.

The changes ban taxpayer-funded clinics in the Title X program for low-income women from making abortion referrals, a restriction opponents characterize as a "gag rule."

Beginning March 4, the rules will also prohibit clinics that receive federal money from sharing office space with abortion providers, which critics said would force many Title X providers to find new locations, undergo expensive remodels or shut down — further reducing access to the program.

Title X patients receive af-

fordable birth control, reproductive care and other care through the program, including breast and cervical cancer screenings and HIV testing.

Abortion is a legal medical procedure, but federal laws prohibit the use of Title X or other taxpayer funds to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the woman. Under Title X, a 1970 law designed to improve access to family planning services, federal money may not be used in programs "where abortion is a method of family planning."

Abortion rights supporters and opponents have argued for decades whether counseling a patient about abortion or referring a patient to a different provider for an abortion violates that language. Abortion opponents and religious conservatives say Title X has long been used to indirectly subsidize abortion providers.

"Congress has long prohibited the use of Title X funds in programs where abortion is a method of family planning and (the Department of Health and Human Service's) recent rule makes that longstanding prohibition a

reality," U.S. Justice Department spokeswoman Mollie Timmons said in a written statement celebrating the 9th Circuit's ruling. "We look forward to continuing to defend this vital rule against all challenges."

More than 20 states and several civil rights and health organizations challenged the rules in cases filed in Oregon, Washington and California. Judges in all three states blocked them from taking effect, with Oregon and Washington courts issuing nationwide injunctions. One judge called the new policy "madness" and said it was motivated by "an arrogant assumption that the government is better suited to direct women's health care than their providers."

Planned Parenthood, which served 1.6 million of the 4 million patients who received care through Title X, has already left the program in protest, giving up about \$60 million a year in federal funding.

Overall, nearly 1,000 clinics have left Title X, according to the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association. Washington and Oregon have abandoned the

program entirely. In Vermont, all of the Title X clinics were Planned Parenthood, leaving none there.

In California, the number of patients served by the program has fallen 40 percent under Trump's rules — and it will fall further once the physical separation requirement takes effect March 4, said Essential Access Health, which administers Title X in California.

The administration's new rules are a return to the spirit of rules that were adopted in 1988 and subsequently upheld by the Supreme Court in the 1991 case *Rust v. Sullivan*. Under the Clinton administration, those rules were abandoned in favor of a requirement that the clinics provide neutral abortion counseling and referrals upon request.

The 9th Circuit's majority opinion, by Judge Sandra Ikuta, stressed the *Rust* decision.

"In light of Supreme Court approval of the 1988 regulations and our broad deference to agencies' interpretations of the statutes they are charged with implementing, plaintiffs' legal challenges to the 2019 rule fail," she wrote.



Patrick Semansky / AP

President Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally in Las Vegas on Saturday. A U.S. appeals court has upheld the Trump administration's rules imposing more hurdles for women seeking abortions.

Further, she said, the so-called gag rule is no such thing: While providers may not make a referral for an abortion, they may discuss abortion with their patients.

The dissent, by Judge Richard Paez, argued that since the *Rust* decision, Congress had barred the Department of Health and Human Services from imposing rules "that frustrate patients' ability to access health care." He called the ruling a throwback to the "paternalism of the past."

"The majority would return us to an older world, one in

which a government bureaucrat could restrict a medical professional from informing a patient of the full range of health care options available to her," Paez wrote.

He also said the rule violates the requirement that pregnancy counseling be neutral: "It requires a doctor to refer a pregnant patient for prenatal care, even if she does not want to continue the pregnancy, while gagging her doctor from referring her for abortion, even if she has requested specifically such a referral," he wrote.

'A new day': Harvey Weinstein convicted, led away in cuffs

By **MICHAEL R. SISAK**
and **TOM HAYS**

NEW YORK — Former Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein was convicted of rape and sexual assault against two women and led off to prison in handcuffs Monday in what his foes hailed as a landmark moment for the legal system and a long-overdue reckoning for the man vilified as the biggest monster of the #MeToo era.

The 67-year-old Weinstein had a look of resignation on his face as he heard the verdict: guilty on two charges, not guilty on a set of more serious ones.

While it was not the across-the-board victory prosecutors and his accusers had hoped for, it could put the stooped and feeble-looking Weinstein behind bars for the rest of his life. The charges carry up to 29 years in prison.

District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. saluted the women who came forward against the once-feared studio boss, saying they "changed the course of history in the fight against sexual violence" and "pulled our justice system into the 21st century."

"This is the new landscape for survivors of sexual assault in America, I believe, and it is a new day. It is a new day because Harvey Weinstein has finally been held accountable for crimes he committed," Vance said.

Weinstein's lawyers said they will appeal.

"Harvey is unbelievably strong. He took it like a man," defense attorney Donna Rotunno said. "He knows that we will continue to fight for him, and we know that this is not over." Another of his lawyers, Arthur Aidala, quoted Weinstein as telling as his legal team "I'm innocent. I'm innocent. I'm innocent. How could this happen in America?"

The jury of seven men and five women took five days to find Weinstein guilty of raping an aspiring actress in a New York City hotel room in 2013 and sexually assaulting production assistant Mimi Halesy at his apartment in 2006 by forcibly performing oral sex on her.

He was acquitted on the most serious charges, two counts of predatory sexual assault, each carrying up to life in prison. Both of those counts hinged on the testimony of "Sopranos" actress Annabella Sciorra, who said Weinstein barged into her apartment, raped her and forcibly performed oral sex on her in the mid-1990s.

Judge James Burke ordered Weinstein taken to jail



Elizabeth Williams

In this courtroom sketch, Harvey Weinstein, center, is led out of Manhattan Supreme Court by court officers after a jury convicted him of rape and sexual assault, Monday, in New York. The jury found him not guilty of the most serious charge, predatory sexual assault, which could have resulted in a life sentence in New York.

immediately. Court officers handcuffed Weinstein and put their arms under his, leading him unsteadily out of the courtroom via a side door without the use of the walker he relied on for much of the trial. He was later taken from the courthouse in an ambulance, strapped to a stretcher in his suit, in what was believed to be just a precautionary measure.

The judge said he will ask that Weinstein, who had been free on bail since his arrest nearly two years ago, be held in the infirmary after his lawyers said he needs medical attention following unsuccessful back surgery.

Sentencing was set for March 11. The sexual assault charge carries up to 25 years in prison, while the third-degree rape count is punishable by up to four years. (The jury acquitted Weinstein of first-degree rape, which requires the use of force or the threat of it, and found him guilty of third-degree rape, which involves a lack of consent.)

The verdict followed weeks of often harrowing and excruciatingly graphic testimony from a string of accusers who told of rapes, forced oral sex, groping, masturbation, lewd propositions and excuses from Weinstein about how the Hollywood casting couch works. In addition to the three women he was charged with attacking, three more who said they were attacked by Weinstein testified in an effort by prosecutors to show a pattern of brutish behavior.

Whispers about Weinstein circulated in Hollywood for years before they finally turned into a torrent of accu-

sations in 2017 that destroyed his career and gave rise to #MeToo, the global movement to encourage women to come forward and hold powerful men accountable for their sexual misconduct.

The trial was the first criminal case to arise from the barrage of allegations against Weinstein from more than 90 women, including actresses Gwyneth Paltrow, Salma Hayek, Ashley Judd, Uma Thurman and Mira Sorvino. Most of those cases were too old to prosecute.

While prosecutors and other Weinstein foes were disappointed by his acquittal on the most serious charges, they exulted over the guilty verdicts.

"The era of impunity for powerful men who rape people is over," Sorvino said, breaking down in tears on a conference call of Weinstein's former accusers. "He will rot in jail as he deserves."

Judd, who accused Weinstein of damaging her career by spreading lies about her after she rejected his advances, tweeted: "For the women who testified in this case, and walked through traumatic hell, you did a public service to girls and women everywhere, thank you."

While Weinstein did not testify, his lawyers contended that any sexual contact was consensual and that his accusers went to bed with him to get ahead in Hollywood. The defense seized on the fact that the two women he was convicted of attacking had sex with him — and sent him warm and even flirty emails — well after he supposedly attacked them.

In the end, that argument didn't seem to gain any trac-

tion. Instead, the jury had trouble with Sciorra's allegations. Four days into deliberations, the jurors sent out a note indicating they were deadlocked on the two predatory sexual assault counts but had reached a unanimous verdict on the others. The judge told them to keep on deliberating.

After the verdict, jury foreman Bernard Cody was asked what the deliberations were like for him personally and responded: "Devastating." He did not elaborate.

Sciorra said in statement: "While we hope for continued righteous outcomes that bring absolute justice, we can never regret breaking the silence. For in speaking truth to power we pave the way for a more just culture, free of the scourge of violence against women."

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sex crimes unless they grant permission, as Halesy and Sciorra did.

The phenomenally successful movie executive helped bring to the screen such Oscar winners as "Good Will Hunting," "Pulp Fiction," "The King's Speech," "Silver Linings Playbook" and "Shakespeare in Love" and nurtured the careers of celebrated filmmakers like Quentin Tarantino and Kevin Smith.

Weinstein now faces charges in Los Angeles. In that case, announced just as the New York trial was getting under way in early January, authorities allege he raped one woman and sexually assaulted another on back-to-back nights during Oscars week in 2013.

Crackdown on immigrants who use public benefits takes effect

By **ANITA SNOW**
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Pastor Antonio Velasquez says that before the Trump administration announced a crackdown on immigrants using government social services, people lined up before sunrise outside a state office in a largely Latino Phoenix neighborhood to sign up for food stamps and Medicaid. No more.

"You had to arrive at 3 in the morning, and it might take you until the end of the day," he said, pointing behind the office in the Maryvale neighborhood to show how long the lines got.

But no one lined up one recent weekday morning, and there were just a handful of people inside.

With new rules taking effect Monday that disqualify more people from green cards if they use government benefits, droves of immigrants, including citizens and legal residents, have dropped social services they or their children may be entitled to out of fear they will be kicked out of the U.S., said Velasquez and other advocates.

"This will bring more poverty, more homeless, more illness," said Velasquez, a well-known leader among Spanish-speaking immigrants in the Phoenix area.

Advocates around the U.S. gathered Monday to discuss and criticize the policy.

Participants at a New York City roundtable said that in anticipation of the change, neighborhoods with higher immigrant populations had seen enrollment declines in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, known as WIC. They also urged immigrants to get legal advice on how they may be affected.

In Boston, the Rev. Dieudonné Fleurissaint said some Haitian immigrants worry that accepting benefits could keep their relatives from coming to the U.S.

Bethany Li, of Greater Boston Legal Services, said Chinese families are passing on WIC benefits not covered by the new rules.

The guidelines that aim to determine whether immigrants seeking legal residency may become a government burden are part of the Trump administration's broader effort to reduce immigration, particularly among poorer people.

The rules that critics say

amount to a "wealth test" were set to take effect in October but were delayed by legal challenges alleging a violation of due process under the U.S. Constitution. The Supreme Court last month cleared the way for the Trump administration to move forward while the rules were litigated in the courts.

A 5-4 vote Friday by the high court sided with the Trump administration by lifting a last injunction covering just Illinois, giving White House adviser Stephen Miller and other hardliners a resounding win in one of their boldest attempts to limit legal immigration.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor issued a blistering dissent, criticizing the administration for quickly turning to the Supreme Court after facing losses in lower courts and suggesting that her conservative colleagues handled the litigation inconsistently in their desire to give Trump a victory.

White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said Saturday that the change will "reestablish the fundamental legal principle that newcomers to our society should be financially self-reliant and not dependent on the largess of United States taxpayers."

Ken Cuccinelli, acting deputy Homeland Security secretary, said Monday on Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends" that the change is "not a moral judgment on individuals, it is an economic one."

He said the government expects "people seeking to be long-term immigrants here, and maybe join us as citizens, will be able to stand on their own two feet." He said the rules were "a major priority for the president."

Federal law already requires those seeking to permanent residency or legal status to prove they will not be a burden to the U.S. — a "public charge," in government lingo. But the new rules include a wider range of programs that could disqualify them, including using Medicaid, food stamps and housing vouchers.

The chilling effect spreading through immigrant communities recalls how millions of refugees dumped social services during the welfare changes of the 1990s, even though the legislation that prompted the cuts explicitly exempted them.



Evan Vucci / AP

President Barack Obama presents the Presidential Medal of Freedom to NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, left, during a 2015 ceremony in the East Room of the White House. Johnson, a mathematician on early space missions who was portrayed in film “Hidden Figures,” about pioneering black female aerospace workers, died on Monday.

Mathematician who broke barriers at NASA dies at 101

By **BEN FINLEY**
Associated Press

Katherine Johnson, a mathematician who calculated rocket trajectories and earth orbits for NASA’s early space missions and was later portrayed in the 2016 hit film “Hidden Figures,” about pioneering black female aerospace workers, has died. She was 101.

Johnson died Monday of natural causes at a retirement community in Newport News, Virginia, family attorney Donyale Y. H. Reavis told The Associated Press.

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said in a statement that Johnson “helped our nation enlarge the frontiers of space even as she made huge strides that also opened doors for women and people of color.”

Johnson was one of the “computers” who solved equations by hand during NASA’s early years and those of its precursor organization, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Johnson and other black women initially worked in a racially segregated computing unit in Hampton, Virginia, that wasn’t officially dissolved until NACA became NASA in 1958. Signs had dictated which bathrooms the women could use.

Johnson focused on airplanes and other research at first. But her work at NASA’s Langley Research Center eventually shifted to Project Mercury, the nation’s first human space program.

“Our office computed all the (rocket) trajectories,” Johnson told The Virginian-Pilot newspaper in 2012. “You tell me when and where you want it to come down, and I will tell you where and when and how to launch it.”

In 1961, Johnson did trajectory analysis for Alan Shepard’s Freedom 7 Mission, the first to carry an American into space. The next year, she manually verified the calculations of a nascent NASA computer, an IBM 7090, which plotted John Glenn’s orbits around the planet.

“Get the girl to check the numbers,” a computer-skeptical Glenn had insisted in the days before the launch.

“Katherine organized herself immediately at her desk, growing phone-book-thick stacks of data sheets a number at a time, blocking out everything except the labyrinth of trajectory equations,” Margot Lee Shetterly wrote in her 2016 book “Hidden Figures,” on which the film is based.

“It took a day and a half of watching the tiny digits pile up: eye-numbing, disorienting work,” Shetterly wrote.

Shetterly told the AP that Johnson was “exceptional in every way.”

“The wonderful gift that Katherine Johnson gave us is that her story shined a light on the stories of so many other people,” Shetterly said Monday. “She gave us a new way to look at black history, women’s history and American history.”

Johnson considered her work on the Apollo moon

missions to be her greatest contribution to space exploration. Her calculations helped the lunar lander rendezvous with the orbiting command service module. She also worked on the Space Shuttle program before retiring in 1986.

Johnson and her co-workers had been relatively unsung heroes of America’s Space Race. But in 2015, President Barack Obama awarded Johnson – then 97 – the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor.

The “Hidden Figures” book and film followed, telling the stories of Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, among others. Johnson was portrayed in the film by actress Taraji P. Henson. The film was nominated for a Best Picture Oscar and grossed more than \$200 million worldwide.

In 2017, Johnson was brought on stage at the Academy Awards ceremony to thunderous applause. Jackson and Vaughan had died in 2005 and 2008 respectively.

Johnson was born Katherine Coleman on August 26, 1918, in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, near the Virginia border. The small town had no schools for blacks beyond the eighth grade, she told The Richmond Times-Dispatch in 1997.

Each September, her father drove Johnson and her siblings to Institute, West Virginia, for high school and college on the campus of the historically black West Virginia State College.

Johnson taught at black public schools before becoming one of three black students to integrate West Virginia’s graduate schools in 1939.

She left after the first session to start a family with her first husband, James Goble, and returned to teaching when her three daughters grew older. In 1953, she started working at the all-black West Area Computing unit at what was then called Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory in Hampton. Johnson’s first husband died in 1956. She married James A. Johnson in 1959. He died last year.

Johnson is survived by two of her three daughters, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, said Reavis, the family attorney.

Johnson spent her later years encouraging students to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

“Just last week, she was giving an interview to a high schooler who wanted to talk to her in French,” Reavis said. “She had two degrees. One in French, and one in Mathematics.”

Looking back, Johnson said she had little time to worry about being treated unequally.

“My dad taught us ‘you are as good as anybody in this town, but you’re no better,’” Johnson told NASA in 2008. “I don’t have a feeling of inferiority. Never had. I’m as good as anybody, but no better.”

Duane Donohue

April 30, 1971 – Feb. 20, 2020

Duane Donohue of St. Joseph passed away on Feb. 20, 2020, after living life to the fullest following a colon cancer diagnosis 2.5 years ago. He died at home with his wife, son and beloved dogs by his side.

Duane graduated from Coloma High School. He studied art and design at Kendall College and Southwest Michigan College before settling into a lifelong career at Walsworth Printing, Inc. (formerly IPC). Duane loved to fix up abandoned bikes to give away. He loved adventuring into every corner of his beloved home state of Michigan. He loved tinkering and creating and collecting art. He loved Michigan Football; The Team, The Team, The Team.

Always the first to help a friend, Duane believed in living life with the simple mantras “People Matter” and “Be Kind.” He over-tipped, paid it forward and encouraged immediate forgiveness. He was grateful for a loving community that generously stood by his side before and during his life with cancer. Duane was grateful for the life he had, for the opportunities he was given and never once asked, “Why me?”. He wished to be remembered as a good person.



Regardless of the obstacles we face, Duane would want us to remember to care for one another; because together We Got This.

Duane is survived by his one and only wife of 2.75 years, Julia Gourley Donohue; their son, Isaac Greene; his boisterous family, including brothers, Randy Donohue and Scott Donohue; the Gourley family, who claimed Duane as their own; his many friends; his work family; and the elusive Spusta Heros.

He is preceded in death by his loving mother, Nancy Brower.

In lieu of flowers, please consider: donations to Berrien Community Foundation (<https://www.berriencommunity.org/give>) in memory of Duane, for youth arts programs and rescue dogs; supporting Isaac’s secondary education through a Memorial College Fund established at 1st Source Bank; or flowers delivered to Julia and Isaac periodically.

A Memorial Celebration will be held at noon on Saturday, Feb. 29, at Sister Lakes Brewing Company, with visitation from 11 a.m.-noon. Friends will also gather at SLBC from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, in honor of Duane’s birthday.

Robert J. ‘Bob’ Martin

Dec. 21, 1941 – Feb. 21, 2020

Robert J. “Bob” Martin, 78, of Bridgman, formerly of Union Pier passed away on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, at Hallmark Living in Benton Harbor.

Bob was born on Dec. 21, 1941, in Three Oaks, to the late Robert and Betty (Marshall) Martin. He was a 1960 graduate of Lakeshore High School. He married Wendy Waldo on Oct. 3, 1981. Bob lived many years in Baroda and was a plumber for most of his life, retiring from R. A. Mort Supply in Benton Harbor after 21 years and not missing a day of work. Bob went on to help Wendy build her window cleaning business, Just Windows II, until 2016 when he had a stroke. Bob was a volunteer fireman for Chikaming Township for 10 years, serving until 1989.

Bob was an avid sports fan and active in local sporting events. He was a Little League baseball coach in Baroda for nearly 15 years. He was a high school basketball referee, and held the sideline chains for Lakeshore Lancer Football for many seasons. Bob played softball for several years at the Three Oaks Legion, and when not playing

softball, he would watch his favorite teams on TV – the Green Bay Packers, Chicago White Sox and Michigan State.

Bob put many hours in tending to his and Wendy’s flower gardens that enlarged over the years when he lived in Union Pier, along with the help of his basset hounds, Abbey, Beau, Woody, Sadie and Seymour.

Robert is survived by his wife of 38 years, Wendy; two children from a former marriage, Barbara (Edward) Kiewel of Georgia and William Martin of Stevensville; and six grandchildren: Ashley, Allison, Michael, Samantha, Alexandra and Kasandra.

Proceeding him in death are his parents, Robert Martin and Betty Versaw; and brother, Donald Martin.

Visitation for Bob will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 2, at Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan. The funeral service will begin at 12:30 pm. Burial will follow in Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan. Online condolences may be made at www.hovenfunerals.com.

Phillip Harte

June 24, 1963 – Feb. 23, 2020

Phillip Anderson “Phil” Harte, 57, of St. Joseph passed away Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020, at his home.

A Celebration of Life Service will take place at

10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Marlo Fritzke officiating. Burial will follow in North

Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. Friends may visit with the family from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may

be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Death notices

The Rev. John Leon

Andrews, 91, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Coloma died Jan. 20, 2020, at Clark Retirement Community, Grand Rapids. Ofield Funeral Home, Kentwood, Mich., (616) 455-9790.

Charles Montgomery Ash, 72, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 17, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Duane Donohue, 48, of St. Joseph died Feb. 20, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Gloria H. Hobbs

53, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 21, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Robert J. “Bob” Martin

78, of Bridgman, formerly of Union Pier died Feb. 21, 2020, at Hallmark Living, Benton Harbor. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Ricky Lee McDonald

61, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 20, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Todd C. Day

Oct. 13, 1968 – Jan. 5, 2020

Todd C. Day, 51, of Hartford passed away on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, at his home.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 1-2 p.m., also at the funeral home. Memorial contributions in Todd’s name may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Todd was born on Oct. 13, 1968, to Darrell and Linda (Goff) Day in Niles. He graduated from Watervliet High



School. He then went on to receive his master’s degree in psychology from Western Michigan University. Todd worked as a substance abuse counselor and owned/operated his own business, Phoenix Rising Pro Counseling in Paw Paw. He enjoyed singing, dancing, theater, cooking and had many talents. Todd’s hobbies also included motorcycles, reading and firearms. Most of all, he cherished time spent with his family.

Todd is survived by his mother, Linda Day; daughters, Brianna Day and Brittany Day; and sister, Lori Hannan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Darrell Day.

George Frank Stroba Jr.

Sept. 26, 1939 – Feb. 20, 2020

George Frank Stroba Jr., 80, of Stevensville died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, surrounded by his loving family at home.

George was born in St. Joseph on Sept. 26, 1939. The son of George Frank Stroba Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (Maisner), he was the first of five siblings.

George was a technically-oriented person who loved working with his mind and hands. He was an avid gardener, cultivating a vegetable and herb garden in his yard. He was an enthusiastic golfer; he loved to be outdoors. George was a skilled craftsman and woodworker, building most of the furniture in his home. He and his wife briefly had a business selling furniture and crafts they made together, called Ma and Pa’s Workshop.

George married Dena Mary Blay on Oct. 10, 1959, in St. Joseph. He was a dedicated father and grandfather, always putting his family first. He devoted his time and unlimited patience to the people he loved and cared for. George was the rock on which his family was raised. Dad was always ready with an open mind, kind words, great advice and a big bear hug.

George was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Dena, by eight days. Their love was a strong bond between their souls – at times bending under the strain of life’s ups and downs, but never breaking, and was unyielding to the challenges they faced together. Nor was their love more beautiful and overflowing as they watched their family bloom and prosper. And now their love has reunited them in everlasting peace.

George is survived by his daughters, Mary (Scott) Hauch and Susan (Tim) Mance; sons, David (Kerri LaRoux) Stroba, Jonathan Stroba and George Stroba III; sister, Sally (Eric) Becker; brothers, John (Mary) Stroba and Richard (Patti) Stroba; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial mass celebrating both George and Dena’s lives will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 6, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 555 E. Delaware Ave., Benton Harbor. A luncheon at the church will follow immediately after. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Berrien County Cancer Service, St. Joseph.

Mars lander confirms quakes, aftershocks

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA’s newest Mars lander has confirmed that quakes and even aftershocks are regularly jolting the red planet.

Scientists reported Monday that the seismometer from the InSight spacecraft has detected scores of marsquakes.

A series of research papers focus on the 174 marsquakes noted through last September. Twenty-four were relatively strong – magnitude 3 to 4 – and apparently

stemmed from distant underground triggers. The rest were smaller, with uncertain magnitude and origin. Even the stronger quakes would not have posed a hazard to anybody on the planet’s surface, researchers said in a

press conference.

The overall tally has since jumped to more than 450 marsquakes, most of them small, InSight’s lead scientist, Bruce Banerdt of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said in an email.

The basic cause of Martian quakes is a long-term cooling of the planet, which makes it contract, fracturing its brittle outer layers, Banerdt told reporters. But it’s not clear what detailed mechanisms bring on specific quakes, he said.

While the team cannot rule out meteor impacts, the source of the tremors appears to be underground, according to the researchers. Nevertheless, Mars-orbiting spacecraft are on the lookout for signs of recent impacts, and InSight’s cameras scan the night sky for meteors. So far, they’ve come up empty.

Banerdt said he had hoped to find more larger quakes, which are useful for probing deeper under the planet’s surface. In an email, he said “another year of observations will be needed to complete the goals of the mission.”

InSight landed in a small crater in Mars’ Elysium Planitia in November 2018. Its French seismometer was placed directly on the volcanic plain the following month.

This region has especially turbulent weather, with dust devil-like vortexes.

The lander still has another year of geologic observations for a total of two years, or one full Martian year. There likely are more quakes occurring than the seismometer is registering; interference from wind and other weather conditions can

mask the measurements.

And while no marsquakes with magnitudes greater than 4 have been detected, that doesn’t mean they aren’t occurring, according to Banerdt.

Banerdt describes Mars as moderately active from a seismic standpoint, more than the moon but less than Earth. The findings are close to initial predictions. The moon’s seismic activity is known thanks to instruments left behind a half-century ago by the Apollo astronauts.

“Knowledge of the level of seismic activity is crucial for investigating the interior structure and understanding Mars’ thermal and chemical evolution,” Banerdt wrote in an overview article in Nature Geoscience. The journal as well as Nature Communications feature four papers from the InSight team.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

A former South Haven woman is the writer of the next episode of “Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman.” Jennifer Tait’s first screenplay, “Baby Outlaws,” airs tonight on CBS.

Tait left South Haven 11 years ago for Los Angeles to become an actress. “By a fluke I got a job on ‘Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman’ as a receptionist,” she said. “The script processor had a nervous breakdown a week later, and I was promoted.” Tait has written 20 screenplays in her spare time, but this is the first one she has sold.

35 years ago – 1985

Pushed by a record St. Joseph River depth in Niles, flood wa-

ters were rushing north in Berrien County today, washing out roads and making others impassable in Coloma, Watervliet and in Royalton Township.

A Berrien official said it is the first time in recent history that all three major rivers – the St. Joseph, the Galien and the Paw Paw – have flooded simultaneously.

50 years ago – 1970

St. Joseph police are attempting to identify vandals who broke 43 tone pipes in the echo organ chamber of the First Congregational Church on Niles Ave. The Rev. George Fisk found the pipes bent and broken when he entered the church Sunday evening. Play dough from the nursery was also scattered throughout the church.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2020. There are 310 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 25, 1964, Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavyweight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

On this date:

In 1793, President George Washington held the first Cabinet meeting on record at his Mount Vernon home; attending were Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of War Henry Knox and Attorney General Edmund Randolph.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1862, Nashville, Tennessee, became the first Confederate

state capital to be occupied by the North during the Civil War.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox.

In 1954, Gamal Abdel Nasser became Egypt’s prime minister after the country’s president, Mohammed Naguib, was effectively ousted in a coup.

In 1964, Eastern Airlines Flight 304, a DC-8, crashed shortly after taking off from New Orleans International Airport, killing all 58 on board.

In 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rain & Snow Likely 37°	Snow Likely 31°	Snow Likely 33° / 23°	Scattered Snow 24° / 16°	Cloudy 22° / 14°	Mostly Cloudy 26° / 18°

Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 100% chance of rain and snow, high of 37°, humidity of 88%. North northeast wind 16 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of snow, overnight low of 31°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:27 a.m.
Sunset	6:30 p.m.
Moonrise	8:45 a.m.
Moonset	8:32 p.m.
	First 3/2
	Full 3/9
	Last 3/16
	New 3/24

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday	
Temperature	
High	42°
Low	32°
Normal High	38°
Normal Low	23°
Record High	66° in 2017
Record Low	0° in 2015
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.66"
Normal for month	1.20"
Year to date	4.52"
Normal Year to date	2.95"

Air Quality

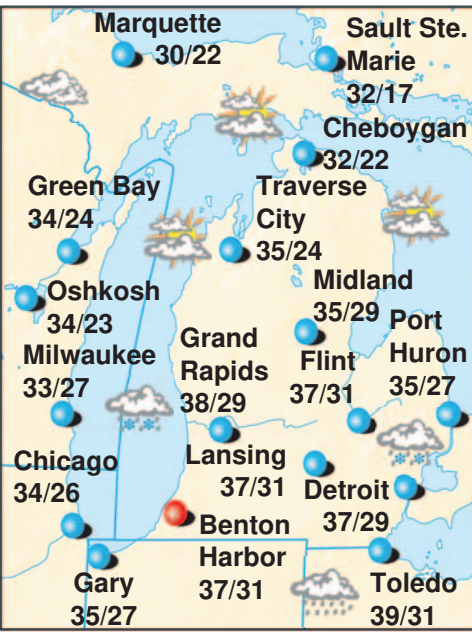
Yesterday	79
Main Offender	Particles
The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.	
0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

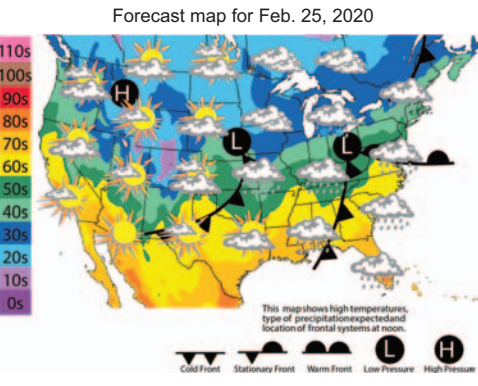
Could global warming cause entire nations to disappear?

Answer: If sea levels rise, some island nations could submerge.

Regional Map



National Weather Map



Lake Michigan

Today, NE wind 14 to 16 kt, with gusts as high as 24 kt. Showers. Waves 2 to 3 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, NE wind around 15 kt. Rain and snow showers.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s. North northeast wind 10 mph. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread snow showers, highs in the 20s. Northeast wind 10 to 13 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s. North northeast wind 16 mph. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s. East southeast wind 14 to 21 mph.

World’s first in vitro cheetah cubs born at Ohio zoo

POWELL, Ohio (AP) — Two cheetah cubs have been born through in vitro fertilization and embryo transfer to a surrogate mother for the first time, Ohio zoo officials announced Monday.

The male and female cubs were born to 3-year-old Izzy at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium on Wednesday, the zoo said in a statement. A team observed the births through a remote camera and are continuing to monitor Izzy and the cubs.

The biological mother of the cubs is 6-year-old Kibibi who has never reproduced and is too old to easily become pregnant naturally.

Kibibi’s eggs were extracted and then fertilized in a Columbus Zoo laboratory on Nov. 19. The early stage embryos were implanted into Izzy on Nov. 21, and an ultrasound revealed she was pregnant with two fetuses about a month later.



Columbus Zoo and Aquarium via AP

This undated photo provided by the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium shows two cheetah cubs. Ohio zoo officials announced Monday that the two cheetah cubs have been born through in vitro fertilization and embryo transfer to a surrogate mother for the first time.

Dr. Randy Junge, the zoo’s vice president of animal health, said this development could have broader implications for managing the species’ population in the future.

It was the third time scientists had attempted the procedure and it was the first time it worked, according to zoo officials.

Grand Teton goat shoot suspended after governor letter

By MEAD GRUVER
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Grand Teton National Park officials have suspended efforts to shoot mountain goats from a helicopter after criticism from Wyoming’s governor prompted Interior Secretary David Bernhardt to intervene.

Bernhardt told park officials to suspend the shooting Friday night, hours after the effort began and Gov. Mark Gordon called the helicopter shooting a “farce” in a letter to acting Grand Teton Superintendent Gopal Noojidail.

“I have long appreciated Grand Teton National Park for the treasure it is to all our citizens. Now I hope I will not have to remember it as an example of federal disregard for the sovereignty of the states,” Gordon, a Republican, wrote.

Gordon said he looked forward to a “more fruitful conversation” about ways to address the mountain goats more cooperatively with the National Park Service.

The Park Service suspend-



AP Photo / Becky Bohrer, File

A mountain goat stands on a ridge line in Juneau, Alaska on Aug. 18.

ed the flights since Friday’s initial effort, which was “effective towards meeting our objective,” park spokeswoman Denise Germann said Monday.

“We are taking a pause in operations and will continue our conversations with our partners at the state,” Germann added.

She said she didn’t know how many goats had been killed. She said Gordon’s letter contributed to the decision to stop the flights, but didn’t mention Bernhardt’s role.

The Park Service seeks to

ity to protect native species and reduce the potential for the local extinction of a native species within the park,” Germann wrote Monday.

Foul weather postponed a previous plan for aerial shooting in January but Friday’s weather in the Teton Range was clear and calm. Park officials closed off large portions of the mountains to the public in preparation.

Gordon’s letter came after Wyoming Game and Fish Department Director Brian Nesvik voiced last-minute objections by phone with Noojidail on Friday.

“I will remember your blatant disregard for the advice of Wyoming’s Game and Fish Department,” Gordon wrote Noojidail. “I am simply at a loss for why the Park Service would ignore an opportunity to work towards a solution upon which we could both agree and can only take it as an expression of your regard for neighbors and the respect you apparently do not have for Wyoming or our professionals.”

DISTRICT

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“When we built our house, we remodeled it, we were told that we needed to have our egress at the back of the house, and that’s Lake Lane,” she said.

There’s also one more piece of city-owned property that needs the rock barrier.

City commissioners in January approved spending \$197,200 to install the rock barrier on public property at the end of 3rd Street, 2nd Street and Park Street. They didn’t approve putting up the barrier along the 66-feet of public shoreline at the end of 1st Street because there was no adjacent shore protection.

If the special assessment district is created and the last three private property owners put in the rock barrier, they said they would probably put in a matching barrier at the end of 1st Street, but that would be a separate project.

Commissioner Laura Goos said erosion is a huge issue, but there are other considerations.

“I want to understand what part of our infrastructure is in jeopardy there,” she said. “Even if we continue to see erosion on city property ... because what I heard Mr. Kolberg say is he’s lived there over 60 years and that dune has come and gone. I just want to make sure that we’re making the right decision for all of the city and not putting undue hardship on one property owner there.”

Commissioners agreed to postpone the decision until city staff can explore all of the possible solutions and what costs would be.

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PRISON

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driver’s insurance company, but also her own insurance company. When she looked into the allegations in the lawsuit, she found that her own car insurance policy had been canceled earlier for lack of payment.

The woman called police, who began an investigation. Donnellan was found to have taken money from customers to set up insurance policies, then failed to turn payments over to the insurance companies. The policies would eventually lapse due to lack of payment. Maveal said the investigation revealed there were 21 victims known to police to have been in danger of property loss for lack of insurance.

One such former customer, Eugene Spencer, told the court he found out he was without car insurance for five months, and he is now considered by insurers to be a “high risk” and cannot afford premiums in that category. Still, he asked for leniency for Donnellan.

“He was there for me when I needed help. Give him a second chance. We all make mistakes,” Spencer told the judge. Maveal said Spencer was not the only person who spoke highly of Donnellan. He said some people told him that when they discovered they did not have insurance, Donnellan “was very helpful” and would pay towing and repair bills, “doing his best to make things whole.”

On the other hand, Maveal said, investigators found one former customer who “Not for one day did she ever have homeowner’s insurance.”

Fletcher told the judge that in his opinion, Donnellan is not a thief but was a victim of his own success.

“It boils down to, he’d been in business for a long time, and he had a bigger client base than he could manage on his own. There’s no evidence that he ever profited. He barely makes ends meet,” Fletcher said. “There was no intent to put people out in the cold. Insurance is what he’d done for 39 years. This was too big a beast for him to manage. I don’t believe he had any criminal intent to defraud these people.”

The judge disagreed.

“You kept the money people gave you to pay insurance,” Pasula told Donnellan. “This went on for years. You put other people at risk. You knew these people were not insured. It’s by sheer luck that no one was seriously injured. Your attorney said you didn’t profit. Yes you did. You had the money. Now it’s time for you to be held accountable and accept the responsibility.”

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hpSPORTS

Defending bowling champ Coloma sets sights on regional tournament

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

Boys and girls bowling regionals begin on Friday and area teams are preparing to make their mark.

Defending Division 3 girls bowling state champion Coloma is hoping to make it back to the state tournament once again when compete in the D3 regional at M-66 Bowl this weekend.

“We’re feeling pretty good right now,” Coloma coach Carley Trainor said. “We’ve been having solid practices that have helped us pre-

Bowling regionals

Division 2
host Vicksburg (Continental Lanes)
Feb. 28-29

Niles

pare for it. Just getting into the top three this weekend is what we’re working towards.”

Ashley Ikerd, Morgan Hosbein, Emily Feldten, and Carissa Richmond were on last year’s championship team. Junior Madison McQuillan and sophomore Eadie Needham joined the

Division 3
host Lake Odessa Lakewood (M-66 Bowl)
Feb. 28-29

Coloma
Brandywine
South Haven

team as newcomers and have made impressive strides.

“Repeating as champion has been a goal for them all season,” Trainor said. “Seeing (McQuillan and Needham’s) growth and how they’ve become very consistent has made their goal a definite possibility, now.”

Trainor identified Cold-

water and South Haven as teams to watch this weekend.

“Coldwater is a similar team to us talent-wise. South Haven has a lot of talent. When they’re on the same page, they can be a threat. It’s going to take sound Baker games for us to get the win. They were a huge difference last year. Our scores are solid; We work well in covering each other. Being stable and consistent with our Baker games is a huge key.”

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Patrick Reed stays resilient amid the noise

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Photo provided

Emily Knight is a senior on the Berrien Springs competitive cheer team. The Shamrocks qualified for the regional competition in Rockford on February 29 after a fourth place finish at last weekend’s district.

Emily Knight:
Finding her rhythm for Berrien cheer

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Writer

Emily Knight has been finding her rhythm all season for Berrien Springs’ competitive cheer team.

Knight, a senior at Berrien, is a main base for the Shamrocks, and has been a leader for the team all season.

Berrien Springs recently cemented its second straight trip to regional competition in Rockford next Saturday after a fourth-place finish at districts this weekend.

The Shamrocks also had a perfect 20-0 regular season record. Coach Laurie White said Knight’s senior leadership has been crucial in the team’s success this year.

“Emily is a coach’s athlete,” said White. “Not only is she skilled, but she is humble. She is always working on improving and is extremely coachable. She is a great team leader, often helping the quality of our program. There is always just a different energy in the room when Emily is around.”

Knight cheers sideline during the fall season and is also a setter on the Shamrocks’ volleyball team. In the spring, she plays middle infield and a little bit of outfield on the softball team.

She is also Vice President of the Student Council, and participates in the PLTW (Project Lead The Way), a program for students interested in STEM majors and careers.

Knight is also dual enrolled at Andrews University, and maintains a 3.25 GPA in the classroom.

Knight recently committed to play softball and cheer at Defiance College in Ohio.

She said she plans on one day becoming a nurse practitioner.

How has your final season been going?

This season has been

really great, actually. We finished our regular season undefeated. It’s just been feeling different than previous years. I’m pretty sure it’s just because I’m a senior, but everything this year seems more like it’s in rhythm. Everything is working out nicely.

What was the district competition like this past weekend?

Districts was really cool. We’ve been working really hard for districts, making sure we’d be moving on to regionals. We got fourth place, so we are going on. It’s our second year in a row. It was, I don’t want to say relaxed, but we were not worried about anything going on besides us. We weren’t really stressing anything. We went there to do what we were supposed to do, and we completed our goal.

Do you feel more confident going to regionals this season after going last year?

Yeah, I feel like we’re all pretty fired up. We’re all really itching to go to state this year. We have been pushing really, really hard, and we hope to make that goal.

What do you like most about competitive cheer?

I used to be in gymnastics when I was younger, and competitive cheer kind of reminds me of that in the sense that I do a lot of tumbling. It kind of brings me back to when I was a little younger.

Is there a memory of your time on the cheer team you like best?

I would say (this season’s) BCS finals meet in Buchanan, because we broke all school records this year. We broke a round one (scoring) record, we broke the round two school record, round three (record) and the school’s overall meet (scoring) record.

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TNS file photo / Mike Mulholland, mlive.com

Michigan forward Isaiah Livers leaps on the back of forward Brandon Johns Jr. in the second half a Feb. 16 game against Indiana.

Livers ready to roll

U-M basketball hopes injury streak is over

By ORION SANG
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

Isaiah Livers already has come back from an injury twice this season.

Saturday afternoon, he made it a third return.

Livers was in uniform and warmed up with the rest of his teammates. He was back in the starting lineup and

played 36 minutes, finishing with 19 points, six rebounds, two blocks and one steal in Michigan basketball’s 71-63 win at Purdue.

It was the first game he had played since suffering a right ankle injury Feb. 16 against Indiana. The junior forward, who had been wearing a black boot that covered the foot, traveled with the team to Rutgers for Wednesday’s game, but did not play.

On Friday, however, he knew he’d be healthy enough to play against the Boilermakers.

“I knew yesterday before

we had our shootaround that I was gonna be good, because the athletic staff, Coach (Juwon) Howard, coaching staff really do a good job of taking care (of us),” Livers said after Saturday’s game. “That doesn’t go unnoticed. I’m grateful to have a staff such as them, ‘cause they just keep me ready. Keep my mind ready. I wasn’t even thinking about it. So felt really good.”

It has been a star-crossed season for Livers, who has missed 10 of 27 games. He hurt his groin against Presbyterian on Dec. 21 while

attempting a dunk, and missed six games. In his return against Illinois on Jan. 25, Livers injured himself – again while attempting to dunk. That kept him out of the team’s ensuing three games.

His second return took place Feb. 8 against Michigan State. He helped the Wolverines beat the Spartans and Northwestern, but injured the ankle in the second half of the win against Indiana, when Justin Smith fell on Livers’ lower body as

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Blackhawks trade goalie Lehner, defenseman Gustafsson

By PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

ST. LOUIS — The Blackhawks made a couple of major moves before Monday’s NHL trade deadline, sending goaltender Robin Lehner to the Golden Knights and defenseman Erik Gustafsson to the Flames.

The Hawks will receive goaltender Malcolm Subban – the 26-year-old younger brother of former Norris

Trophy-winning Devils defenseman P.K. Subban – defenseman prospect Slava Demin, 19, and a second-round draft pick from the Golden Knights in return for Lehner, according to reports.

At least one media outlet reported the Hawks will get two conditional draft picks for Gustafsson.

The cap-challenged Hawks would have needed to shed several million in salary to try to re-sign Lehner, who

could command up to \$8 million per year as an unrestricted free agent in the off-season, according to some projections.

The Hawks instead opted to get what they could for Lehner, who had split starting duties with Corey Crawford. Lehner had a 3.01 goals-against average and a .918 save percentage in 33 games (31 starts).

While re-signing Lehner, 28, would have been a chal-

lenge, the fact the Hawks had negotiated with him on a long-term deal showed it could have gone either way. Not so for Gustafsson.

It had seemed a foregone conclusion for months that the Hawks would trade away the 27-year-old offensive-minded defenseman, who will become an unrestricted free agent this summer. And it became a near

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Former NBA player Michael Jordan cries while speaking during a celebration of life for Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna on Monday.

Marcio Jose Sanchez / AP



Memorial service remembers the private Kobe

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant’s wife remembered him as a devoted father and husband who arrived early for school pickups and wrote heartfelt cards and letters.

Rob Pelinka, Bryant’s longtime agent and close friend, recalled his final texts from the NBA superstar minutes before he was killed last month in a helicopter crash. Bryant was attempting to secure an internship for the daughter of another friend who was sitting with him in the chopper.

Michael Jordan called Bryant “a little brother” and said that when he died, “a piece of me died.”

Bryant’s athletic achievements were only part of the reason roughly 20,000 people gathered Monday for a public memorial service

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IN BRIEF

Michigan State hires
Els, Peagler
to football staff

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State hired Ross Els as special teams coordinator and William Peagler as running backs coach.

The Spartans announced the moves Monday.

Els, 54, has spent the last three seasons as the inside linebackers coach at Colorado, and he was the special teams coordinator there in 2019. New Michigan State coach Mel Tucker came to the Spartans from Colorado.

Els was a defensive coordinator at Purdue prior to his stint at Colorado.

Peagler, 34, was the director of quality control for the offense at Colorado last season.

Hoosiers suspend
all-conference tight
end following arrest

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana coach Tom Allen has suspended record-breaking tight end Peyton Hendershot indefinitely.

Monday’s announcement comes less than two days after Hendershot was arrested. He allegedly entered the apartment of a former girlfriend without her permission.

He also is accused of grabbing and shoving the woman, according to the police report.

He faces preliminary charges of felony residential entry and three misdemeanors — domestic battery, criminal mischief and criminal conversion.

Last season, the 20-year-old redshirt sophomore set school records for a tight end with 52 receptions, 622 yards and four touchdowns. He was a third-team all-Big Ten selection by the media and received honorable mention honors from the league’s coaches.

Utah football
player charged
with 3 rapes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A University of Utah football player accused of raping a 17-year-old girl is facing additional charges after prosecutors say he also raped two women.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that 20-year-old Terrell Perriman is now charged with eight felonies, including three counts of rape. He is in jail on \$750,000 bail.

Perriman initially faced a single count of rape and a charge of aggravated kidnapping on suspicion of assaulting a teen girl he met on Instagram. Prosecutors added to the charges Friday, saying he raped two women in Salt Lake County — one just three days before he was accused of raping the teen.

Lions bring back
veteran wide
receiver Amendola

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions are bringing back veteran wide receiver Danny Amendola.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Amendola had 62 receptions for 678 yards receiving with one touchdown last season in his first year with the Lions. The 34-year-old Amendola was just 12 yards receiving away from surpassing his career high set in 2010 with the St. Louis Rams.

The former Texas Tech standout made his NFL debut with the Rams in 2009 as an undrafted free agent. He has 547 catches for 5,362 yards and 21 touchdowns with the Rams, New England, Miami and the Lions.

Amendola was part of a productive group of receivers with Kenny Golladay and Marvin Jones for a team that won just three games last season.

Boys basketball district pairings announced

By HP STAFF

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has released its four boys basketball division brackets.

This year will be the first under the new basketball seeding process.

Boys and girls basketball will use a seeding process to place the top two teams in every district on opposite sides of that bracket.

The seeding guarantees the top two teams will not play with each other before the

district championship game.

**Division 1
at St. Joseph
Monday, Mar. 9**
Lakeshore vs. Portage Northern, 5
Wednesday, Mar. 11
Mattawan vs. Lakeshore-Portage Northern winner, 5
St. Joseph vs. Portage Central-Kalamazoo Central winner, 7
Friday, Mar. 13
Championship, 7

**Division 2
at Holland Christian
Monday, Mar. 9**
Benton Harbor vs. Holland Christian, 5
Coloma vs. Allegan, 7
Wednesday, Mar. 11
Hamilton vs. Benton Harbor-Holland Christian winner, 5
South Haven vs. Coloma-Allegan winner, 7
Friday, Mar. 13
Championship, 7

**at Edwardsburg
Monday, Mar. 9**
Dowagiac vs. Edwardsburg, 6
Wednesday, Mar. 11
Berrien Springs vs. Dowagiac-Edwardsburg winner, 5:30
Niles vs. Buchanan, 7:15
Friday, Mar. 13
Championship, 7

**Division 3
at Bloomingdale
Monday, Mar. 9**
Bloomingdale vs. Hartford, 5:30
Gobles vs. Bangor, 7:30
Wednesday, Mar. 11
Decatur vs. Bloomingdale-Hartford winner, 5:30
Lawton vs. Gobles-Bangor winner, 7:30
Friday, Mar. 13
Championship, 7

**at Bridgman
Monday, Mar. 9**
Bridgman vs. Cassopolis, 7

Wednesday, Mar. 11
Countryside vs. Bridgman-Cassopolis winner, 7:30
Brandywine vs. Watervliet, 6
Friday, Mar. 13
Championship, 7

**Division 4
at Martin
Monday, Mar. 9**
Covert vs. Holland Calvary, 6:30
Wednesday, Mar. 11
Lawrence vs. Covert-Holland Calvary winner, 7
Friday, Mar. 13
Championship, 6:30

**at Lake Michigan Catholic
Monday, Mar. 9**
Eau Claire vs. LM Catholic, 7
Wednesday, Mar. 11
New Buffalo vs. Eau Claire-LM Catholic winner, 5:30
Michigan Lutheran vs. River Valley, 7
Friday, Mar. 13
Championship, 7



Fernando Llano / AP

Patrick Reed of the United States poses with the trophy after winning the WGC-Mexico Championship on Sunday.

Patrick Reed plays better as
the accusations get louder

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

MEXICO CITY — The bookies had Patrick Reed at 40-1 odds going into the Mexico Championship, which should have come down before he even hit a shot.

More accusations of cheating, this time from Brooks Koepka during a town hall show on Sirius XM. And then former CBS analyst Peter Kostis weighed in during a “No Laying Up” podcast in which he said he saw Reed improve his lie four times.

The noise got louder. And that’s when Reed always seems to get better.

His one-shot victory in Mexico City might not quiet any critics. It left no doubt, however, that the 29-year-old Reed might be as resilient as anyone in golf.

He says he doesn’t listen, and that his team — wife Justine, her mother, attorneys — fill him in. Reed slips on ear pods when he arrives on the putting green and uses whatever natural powers he has to block everything out while inside the ropes.

“It didn’t bother me at all,” Reed said. “I’m on the golf course. I’m focusing on what I need to do. My team knows that when I’m playing in tournaments, I’m kind of in my zone doing my thing. I’d have to talk to my team later on to see how much it bothered them or not. Because when it’s tournament week, it’s me going out there, playing golf.”

He was part of a massive traffic jam, even by Mexico City standards, at Chapultepec Golf Club. Five players had at least a share of the lead at one point. Four were tied headed for the back nine.

Bryson DeChambeau hit the accelerator as just about everyone else — Justin Thomas, Rory McIlroy, Jon Rahm and Erik van Rooyen — hit the brakes. Reed stayed in the game with a pair of par putts and a birdie on No. 12, his first since the opening hole.

Still two shots behind with four holes to play, he picked up a birdie on the par-5 15th. Blocked by the edges of trees left of the 16th fairway, he hooked a gap wedge that rode the ridge of the 16th green and fed down the slope to 3 feet.

That gave him the lead when DeChambeau bogeyed the par-3 17th, and Reed followed behind him with an 18-foot birdie putt — his 45th one-putt of the week — that all but sealed it.

He closed with a 4-under 67 for a one-shot victory, his eighth on the PGA Tour and second World Golf Championship.

No one should have been surprised, least of all DeChambeau. He has taken his brunt of criticism for his pace of play, feeling as though he has become a target. DeChambeau was on the putting green in case of a playoff, and when Reed won, he walked over the bridge toward the 18th green to congratulate him.

Kindred spirits, those two, which is not to suggest they are popular.

“There’s been a lot of stuff said in past years, I guess you could say, with him, and even with me. I feel like unfortunately sometimes we get quite a bad rap,” DeChambeau said. “He’s a great player, and he’ll be a great player for a long time, and I have a lot of respect for his game.”

What dogs Reed was a moment in the third round at the

Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas, when his ball was in an awful lie in the waste area on the 11th hole. Video clearly showed him twice swiping away sand behind his ball. In the scoring room afterward, Reed accepted the two-shot penalty, all while saying a different camera angle would have shown his club wasn’t as close to the ball as it looked and he didn’t know his club touched the sand. Twice.

It was a bad look, but it didn’t bother Reed. He shot 66 the next day and finished third.

Cameron Smith spoke out against him ahead of the Presidents Cup, where Reed was heckled so badly that his caddie, brother-in-law Kessler Karain, had an altercation with a fan and was suspended from caddying in the final session.

The next day, Reed won his first point of the week, handily beating C.T. Pan in 16 holes.

In his next PGA Tour start, Reed was in a three-man playoff at Kapalua. On his final putt in the playoff, which Thomas won, a fan cried out, “CHEATER!” as the ball was on its way.

AIRWAVES

Television today

3:00 p.m. (TNT) UEFA Champions League Soccer Chelsea FC vs FC Bayern Munich. (Live) [CC]

6:00 p.m. (Bigten) Women’s College Basketball Northwestern at Ohio State. (Live) [CC] **(NBCSports) ARCA Racing Series**

7:00 p.m. (ESPN) College Basketball Kentucky at Texas A&M. (Live)

(ESPN2) College Basketball Iowa at Michigan State. (Live)

7:30 p.m. (FoxDetroit) NHL Hockey New Jersey Devils at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)

(TNT) NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Toronto Raptors. (Live) [CC]

8:00 p.m. (Bigten) Women’s College Basketball Purdue at Maryland. (Live) [CC]

(FS1) CONCACAF Champions League Soccer Atlanta United FC vs CD Motagua. (Live) [CC]

(NBCSCH) NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Chicago Bulls. (Live)

(NBCSports) NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at St. Louis Blues. (Live)

9:00 p.m. (ESPN) College Basketball N.C. State at North Carolina. (Live)

(ESPN2) College Basketball Texas Tech at Oklahoma. (Live)

(ESPN) College Basketball Tulane at Tulsa. (Live)

10:00 p.m. (TNT) NBA Basketball New Orleans Pelicans at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live) [CC]

11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) College Basketball San Jose State at Utah State. (Live)

Wednesday

3:00 p.m. (TNT) UEFA Champions League Soccer Real Madrid vs Manchester City FC. Round of 16, 1st Leg. (Live) [CC]

6:30 p.m. (FS1) College Basketball St. John’s at Villanova. (Live) [CC]

7:00 p.m. (Bigten) College Basketball Rutgers at Penn State. (Live) [CC]

(ESPN2) College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)

7:30 p.m. (ESPN) NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at San Antonio Spurs. (Live)

(FoxDetroit) Women’s College Basketball Texas at TCU. (Live)

8:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) College Basketball Evansville at Northern Iowa. (Live)

(NBCSports) NHL Hockey Buffalo Sabres at Colorado Avalanche. (Live)

8:30 p.m. (FS1) College Basketball Georgetown at Marquette. (Live) [CC]

9:00 p.m. (Bigten) College Basketball Maryland at Minnesota. (Live) [CC]

(ESPN2) College Basketball LSU at Florida. (Live)

10:00 p.m. (ESPN) NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Utah Jazz. (Live)

10:30 p.m. (NBCSports) NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Los Angeles Kings. (Live)

1:30 a.m. (Golf) European PGA Tour Golf Oman Open, First Round. (Live)

5:30 a.m. (Golf) European PGA Tour Golf Oman Open, First Round. (Live)

Radio today

7 p.m. High school basketball — Lakeshore at Kal. Central (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

College basketball — Iowa at Michigan State (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

9 p.m. College basketball — N.C. State at North Carolina (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. College basketball — Jackson at Lake Michigan College doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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Schumer says MLB will work to keep
Binghamton minor league team in town

By JOHN KEKIS

Associated Press

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer says Major League Baseball officials agreed to work to keep Binghamton’s Double-A baseball team, which is among the 42 minor league franchises targeted to lose their big league affiliation.

The New York Democrat met with MLB deputy commissioner Dan Halem, Mets chief operating officer Jeff Wilpon and Eastern League president Joe McEachern to discuss the future of the Rumble Ponies, a New York affiliate.

“We came to an agree-

ment that we want to see the Rumble Ponies stay in Binghamton as an affiliated club,” Schumer said. “We all agreed that it would take some doing. Every one of us agreed that each of us is not going to get everything we want, but that everyone would come together so that we would keep them here.”

During negotiations to replace the Professional Baseball Agreement that expires after the upcoming season, MLB has proposed cutting the minimum guaranteed affiliation agreements from 160 to 120. MLB wants improved facilities at Binghamton’s NYSEG Stadium. More than \$9 million has been invested for upgrades

to the stadium since 2014. “I’m really pleased,” Schumer said. “This is the first club ... that Major League Baseball has come to. That shows that they care.”

Rumble Ponies owner John Hughes said both sides committed to meet again in the next two months.

“Next time we sit down, there will be something to talk about,” Hughes said. “It’s a positive, encouraging sign, because without conversation there is no hope.” In a statement, MLB thanked Schumer for bringing the sides together.

“The meeting was productive and adds to the ongoing dialogue between MLB,

MLB clubs, Congress and local communities as we build a player development system fit for the 21st century that improves playing conditions and opportunities for players while protecting baseball in the communities where it is currently being played,” it said.

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BOWLING			
KELLEY'S BOWL			
SUNDAY MILLER LITE MIXED – Justin Wade 738 (266), Jerry Knowles 679, Tom Weiner 608, Vince Skorupa 586 (258), Ken Berry Jr. 578, Colleen Pullins 542 (224), Erin Keith 479.			
WILDLIFE SENIORS – Randy Newboles 699 (257), Marc Rankin 642, Dan Symonds 638, Tom Rauls 628 (259), Andy Stansberry Sr. 624, Jodi Smith 606 (223), Carole Bell 555 (212), Gladys Hunter 543 (217), Sally Loikits 535 (204).			
FRIDAY NITE MIXED – Dave Eliss 644 (266), Rich Kelemen 617 (244), Scott Zuhl 606 (225), Nate Schuman 602 (216) Heather Garrison 546 (181). Team score: Regulators 2373 (863).			
LAKE SHORE LASSIES – Nicki Brose 670 (247), Alanna Swetay 654 (260), Tricia Morris 622 (214), Karyn Fricke 577 (213), Linda Dockham 562, Dianna Evans 562 (200), Robin Thompson 560 (230), Brandy Antonowitsch 549 (224), Candy Selent 525, Diana Nash 523. Team score: Lerke-Swetay 1214 (490).			

AREA SCHEDULE			
Today			
Boys basketball			
Buchanan at Allegan, 6:30			
Berrien Springs at St. Joseph, 7			
Lakeshore at Kal. Central, 7			
BC Lakeview at Niles, 7			
Brandywine at Gobles, 7			
Fennville at South Haven, 7:15			
New Buffalo at Michigan Lutheran, 7:30			
Martin at Watervliet, 7:30			
River Valley at Hol. Black River, 7:30			
Bloomington at Decatur, 7:30			
Bangor at Eau Claire, 7:30			
Covert at Battle Creek Academy, 7:30			
White Pigeon at Hartford, 7:30			
Girls basketball			
Brandywine at Gobles, 5:30			
Martin at Watervliet, 5:30			
Michigan Lutheran at Benton Harbor, 6			
Covert at Battle Creek Academy, 6			
Lake Michigan Catholic at Berrien Springs, 7			
Allegan at Buchanan, 7			
Dowagiac at Coloma, 7			
South Haven at Fennville, 7			
St. Joseph at Edwardsburg, 7:15			
Kal. Central at Lakeshore, 7:15			
Niles at BC Lakeview, 7:15			
New Buffalo at Bridgman, 7:30			
Decatur at Bloomington, 7:30			
Hartford at White Pigeon, 7:30			
Wednesday, Feb. 26			
College basketball			
LMC men at Jackson College, 7:30			
LMC women at Jackson College, 5:30			

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL			
Standings through Saturday's games			
Girls			
SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
West Division			
	Div	Overall	
Portage Central	8-1	15-3	
St. Joseph	7-2	11-7	
Niles	6-3	9-9	
Mattawan	4-5	8-10	
Lakeshore	2-7	6-12	
Portage Northern	0-9	3-15	
East Division			
	Div	Overall	
BC Lakeview	6-1	13-5	
BC Central	6-2	16-3	
Kal. Central	4-4	9-9	
Gull Lake	3-4	10-8	
Kal. Loy Norrix	0-8	3-16	
WOLVERINE CONFERENCE			
North Division			
	Div	Overall	
Plainwell	8-0	13-5	
Otsego	4-3	8-11	
Allegan	4-4	8-10	
Paw Paw	2-6	5-13	
South Haven	1-7	2-16	
South Division			
	Div	Overall	
Edwardsburg	7-1	17-1	
Three Rivers	7-1	15-3	
Sturgis	3-5	7-11	
Vicksburg	2-5	10-9	
Dowagiac	0-10	1-17	

BERRIEN-CASS-ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE			
Red Division			
	Div	Overall	
Brandywine	9-0	18-0	
Buchanan	7-2	13-5	
Berrien Springs	5-4	7-11	
Comstock	3-6	3-15	
Bridgman	2-7	4-14	
Parchment	1-8	1-18	
White Division			
	Div	Overall	
Michigan Lutheran	12-1	16-1	
New Buffalo	11-2	14-4	
River Valley	9-4	11-7	
Lake Michigan Catholic	8-5	10-8	
Lawrence	5-8	5-14	
Howardsville Christian	4-8	4-10	
Countryside	2-11	2-11	
Covert	0-12	2-12	
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
Lakeshore Division			
	Div	Overall	
Gobles	8-1	16-2	
Martin	7-1	17-1	
Saugatuck	4-5	10-9	
Coloma	4-5	8-10	
Fennville	3-6	6-12	
Watervliet	0-8	5-13	
Valley Division			
	Div	Overall	
Schoolcraft	10-1	16-2	
Kal. Hackett	8-2	14-4	
Kal. Christian	7-3	12-6	
Delton Kellogg	5-6	9-9	
Galesburg-Augusta	3-7	9-9	
Constantine	3-7	6-12	
Lawton	0-10	0-18	
SOUTHWEST 10 CONFERENCE			
	Conf	Overall	
Centreville	14-1	17-1	
White Pigeon	12-3	14-4	
Bloomington	12-3	12-5	
Decatur	11-4	14-4	
Hartford	8-7	10-11	
Marcellus	4-11	7-17	
Cassopolis	3-11	4-11	
Mendon	3-11	4-10	
Bangor	0-16	1-17	
INDEPENDENT			
	Overall		
Benton Harbor	3-13		

Boys			
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Comstock	2-6	5-11	
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Constantine	4-6	6-11
Lawton	3-7	5-12
Galesburg-Augusta	0-10	1-15

SOUTHWEST 10 CONFERENCE		
	Conf	Overall
Centreville	12-3	13-4
Marcellus	12-3	13-4
Cassopolis	12-3	12-5
Bloomington	10-5	12-5
Eau Claire	9-6	10-7
Hartford	8-7	9-8
White Pigeon	7-8	7-9
Decatur	3-12	4-13
Mendon	2-13	2-13
Bangor	0-15	0-16
INDEPENDENT		
	Overall	
Benton Harbor	16-2	

Michigan prep girls basketball poll
The top 10 teams in the Michigan Associated Press high school basketball poll, with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 15 points for a first-place vote, 14 for second, etc.:

Division 1		
School	Total	Points
1. East Lansing (4)	(17-1)	74
2. Hartland (1)	(17-1)	70
3. East Grand Rapids	(16-1)	56
(tie) Detroit Renaissance	(17-2)	56
5. Hudsonville	(17-1)	52
6. Farmington Hills Mercy	(17-2)	50
7. Brighton	(16-2)	49
8. Port Huron	(20-0)	43
9. East Kentwood	(15-3)	26
10. Midland Dow	(16-2)	22
Others receiving 12 or more votes: Bloomfield Hills Marian 19, Flint Carman Ainsworth 18, Macomb Dakota 17.		

Division 2		
School	Total	Points
1. Detroit Edison(DEPSA) (5)	(17-0)	75
2. Grand Rapids West Catholic	(17-1)	67
3. Menominee	(18-0)	64
4. Edwardsburg	(17-1)	57
5. Grand Rapids Christian	(15-3)	54
(tie) Chelsea	(16-2)	54
7. Williamston	(15-3)	41
(tie) Cadillac	(17-1)	41
9. Big Rapids	(17-1)	34
10. Battle Creek Harper Creek	(16-2)	27
Others receiving 12 or more votes: Goodrich 21, Portland 14.		

Division 3		
School	Total	Points
1. Pewamo-Westphalia (5)	(15-2)	75
2. Kent City	(18-1)	70
3. Lake City	(18-1)	58
4. Grass Lake	(15-2)	56
5. Niles Brandywine	(18-0)	51
6. Michigan Center	(15-3)	50
7. Flint Hamady	(18-2)	35
8. Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory	(15-5)	32
9. Mantou	(17-2)	30
(tie) Byron	(17-1)	30
Others receiving 12 or more votes: Hemlock 17, Ithaca 17, Springport 16, Maple City Glen Lake 15.		

Division 4		
School	Total	Points
1. Adrian Lenawee Chr. (4)	(17-2)	60
2. St. Ignace LaSalle	(15-2)	55
3. Bellaire	(18-0)	53
4. Mt Pleasant Sacred Heart	(17-1)	46
5. St. Joseph Mich. Lutheran	(16-1)	42
6. Ewen-Trout Creek	(18-1)	34
7. Martin	(17-1)	31
8. Kingston	(16-1)	30
9. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist	(15-2)	26
10. Camden-Frontier	(18-2)	20
Others receiving votes: Athens 19, Fowler 14.		

Michigan prep boys basketball poll
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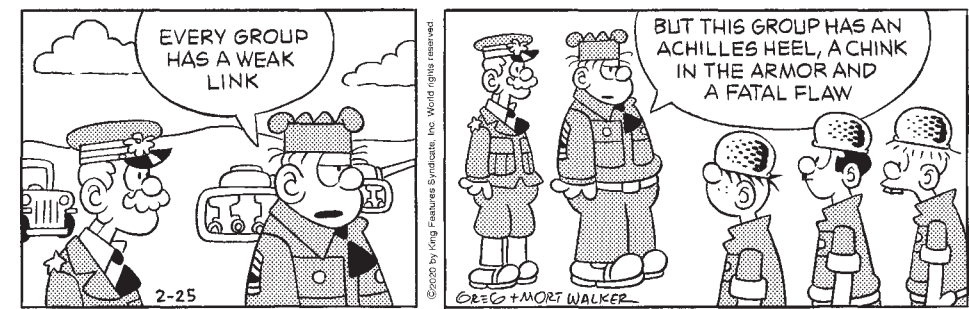
Division 1		
School	Total	Points
1. River Rouge (5)	(17-1)	75
2. Orchard Lake St. Mary's	(16-1)	68
3. Clarkston	(16-1)	66
4. Detroit Cass Tech	(17-1)	61
5. Ypsilanti Lincoln	(15-2)	54
6. Ann Arbor Huron	(16-1)	50
7. Mount Pleasant	(16-0)	40
8. Waterford Mott	(15-2)	38
9. Grand Blanc	(15-3)	34
10. Muskegon	(15-2)	32
Others receiving 12 or more votes: Wyoming 27, East Lansing 18, Hudsonville 14.		

Division 2		
School	Total	Points
1. Benton Harbor (3)	(16-2)	58
2. Grand Rapids Christian (1)	(16-1)	56
3. Goodrich	(17-1)	48
4. Grand Rapids Catholic	(15-2)	44
5. Croswell-Lexington	(16-1)	42
6. Williamston	(16-2)	41
7. Bridgeport	(17-1)	36
8. Otsego	(17-1)	29
9. Carrollton	(14-1)	25
10. Ovid-Elsie	(17-0)	24
Others receiving 12 or more votes: Frankenmuth 22, Detroit Douglass 22.		

Division 3		
School	Total	Points
1. Flint Beecher (3)	(18-1)	73
2. Iron Mountain (2)	(16-0)	69
3. Hanover-Horton	(16-1)	59
4. Schoolcraft	(18-0)	56
5. Ravenna	(17-0)	52
6. Pewamo-Westphalia	(15-1)	49
7. Oscoda	(17-0)	41
8. Detroit Edison	(12-4)	39
9. Hemlock	(16-1)	22
10. Traverse City St. Francis	(15-2)	20
Others receiving 12 or more votes: Maple City Glen Lake 18, Negaunee 17, Charlevoix 16, Detroit Loyola 13, Blissfield 13.		

Division 4		
School	Total	Points
1. Southfield Christian (3)	(13-3)	59
2. Kingston (1)	(17-0)	56
3. Dollar Bay	(17-0)	53
4. Hillsdale Academy	(15-2)	43
5. Gaylord St. Mary	(14-2)	42
6. Pickford	(14-2)	41
7. Pellston	(15-2)	40
8. Hale	(15-3)	30
9. Bellevue	(14-2)	24
10. Camden-Frontier	(15-3)	22
Others receiving 12 or more votes: None.		

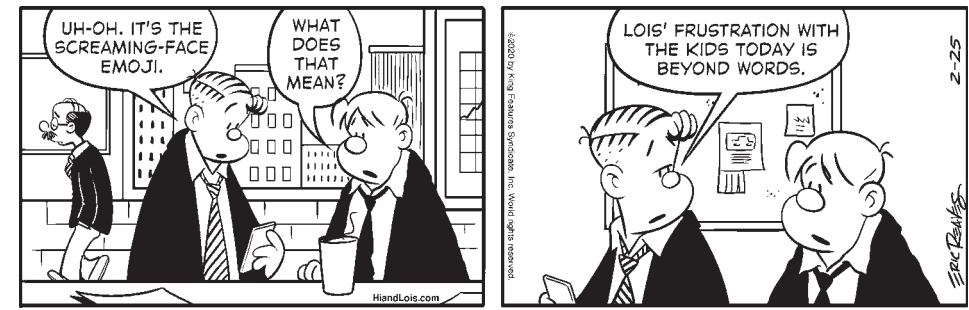
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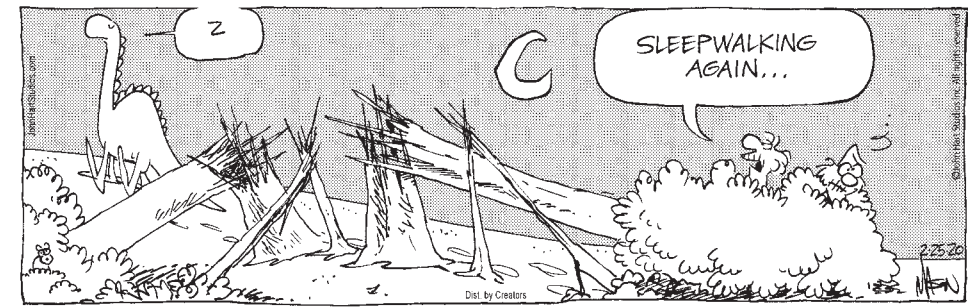
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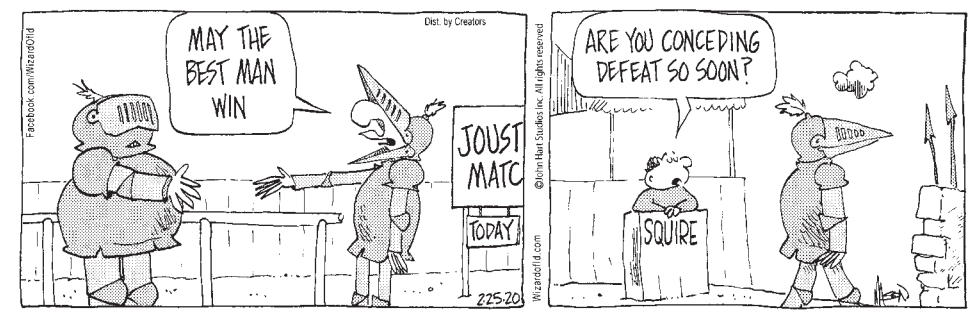
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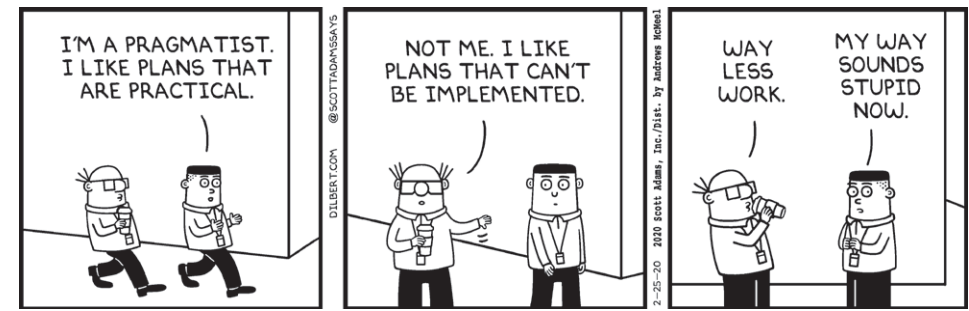
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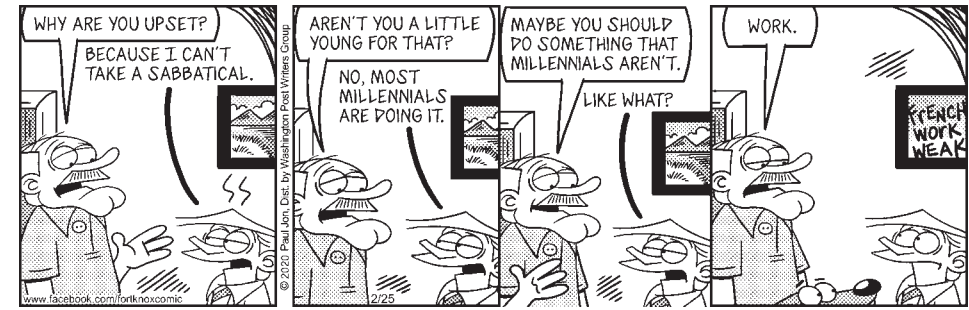
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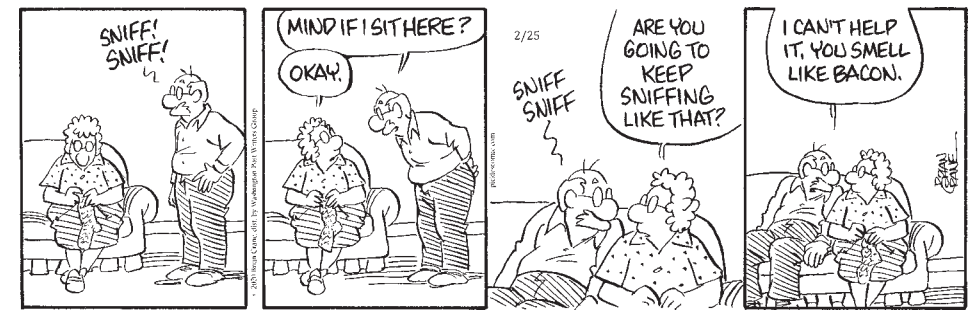
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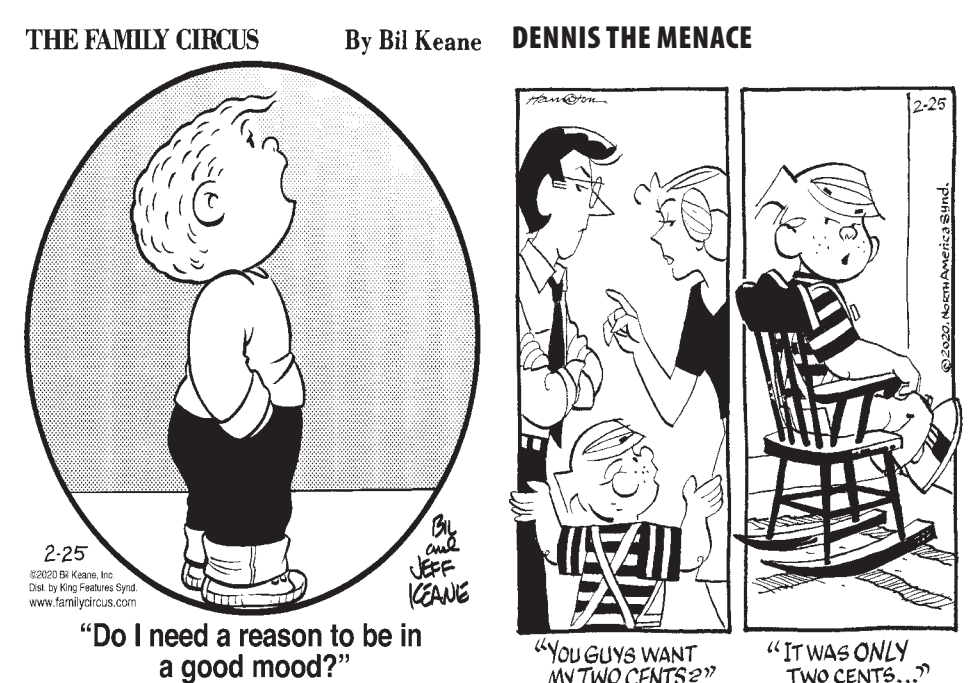
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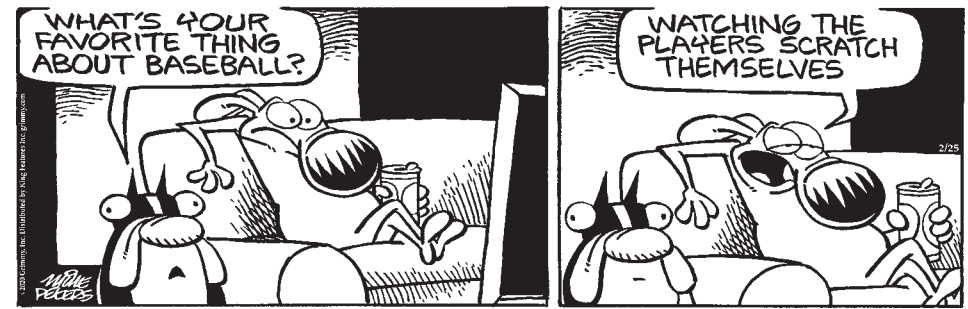
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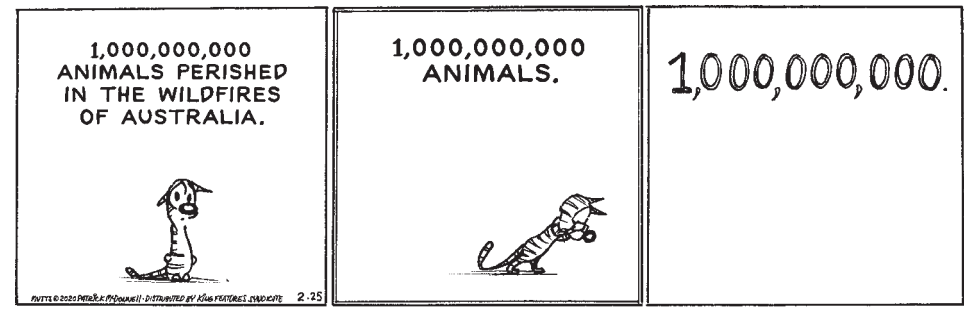
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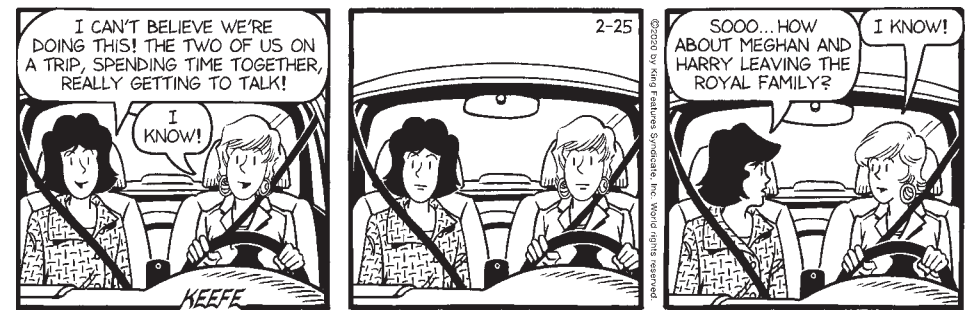
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NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Holly- wood	The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 2" (N)		This Is Us "Clouds" (N) (DVS)		:01 New Amsterdam "Double Blind" (N)	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back "Bear's Den Pizza; South Boulevard"				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N)	
PBS (34)	Steves' Europe	Finding Your Roots With Henry		American Masters "Miles Davis: Birth of the Cool" The life of jazz musician Miles Davis.			
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	The Flash Iris works with Eva to escape.		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N)		News	Seinfeld
MNT (50)	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. A mass shooting takes place.		Chicago P.D. "Fathers and Sons"		Chicago P.D. "True or False"	
WCUI (26)	Mike & Molly	The Flash Iris works with Eva to escape.		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N)		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME (46)	:00 Heart- land	Heartland "The Big Red Wall"		Highway to Heaven "Summer Camp"		The List (N)	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN (9)	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L)	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48		The First 48: Tracking a Killer (N)		:02 The First 48: Tracking a Killer (N)	
AMC	Trans- formers	*** The Book of Eli (10, Adventure) Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis.					
Animal	Tree	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out (N)				Treehouse Masters	
BET	BET Star	BET Star Cinema					
Big Ten	Basket	Women's College Basketball				B1G	B1G
Bravo	Vander- pump Rul	Vanderpump Rules (N)		Vanderpump Rules (N)		Watch What	Vander- pump Rul
Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	White Oleander	*** The Hills Have Eyes ('06) Aaron Stan- ford, Kathleen Quinlan.				9:50 *** Turistas (06)	
CMT	:00 *** Easy A (10)	*** Never Been Kissed ('99)					
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	:00 Moon- shiners	Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N)		Moonshiners "Hemp Shine" (N)		:01 Guardians of the Glades (N)	
Disney	Bunk'd	*** Zombies 2 ('20)			Fam Jam	Sydney	Bunk'd
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ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
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Food	Chopped	Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped Sweets	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NHL Hockey	New Jersey Devils at Detroit Red Wings.				Red Wings Live (N)	
Freefrm	6:00 *** Speed (94)	*** 21 Jump Street ('12) Jonah Hill. Young cops go under cover as high-school students.		Hill. Young cops go under cover as high-school students.			
FX	Despica- ble Me 3	*** How to Train Your Dragon 2 ('14) Voices of Jay Baruchel.			*** How to Train Your Dragon 2		
Golf	Golf	Golf's Greatest Rounds (N)					Central
Hallmark	Love Romance	*** Marrying Mr. Darcy ('18, Romance) Cindy Busby, Ryan Paevey.				*** Love on the Menu (19)	
HBO	McMillon's	:05 *** Shaft ('19, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Jessie T. Usher.				REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel (N)	
History	Oak Is	Drilling Down		Curse-Island		Project Blue Book	
HGTV	Hunters	Love It or List It		Unsell-a	Unsell-a	One/Kind One/Kind	
Learning	Fabulous	Fat Fabulous		:01 I Am Jazz (N)		:01 Sister Wives	
Lifetime	You Can't Take My	*** I Am Elizabeth Smart ('17, Docudrama) Alana Boden, Skeet Ulrich.			Abducted: The Mary Stauffer Story ('19)		
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Siesta Key (N)		Teen Mom: Young		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Bulls	NBA Basketball: Thunder at Bulls					Postgame
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football From Dec. 15, 2019.					
Nick	** Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
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Oxygen	:00 Chica- go P.D.	Chicago P.D. "At Least It's Justice"		Chicago P.D. Platt asks Ruzek for help.		Chicago P.D. "8:30 PM"	
Parmt	* Grown Ups ('10, Comedy) Adam Sandler.			Ink Master (N)			
Showtime	6:55 *** Real Steel ('11, Action) Hugh Jackman.	Homeland Carrie arranges a meeting.		*** Rambo ('08) Julie Benz			
Starz	:14 *** The Vow ('12) Rachel McAdams.	Outlander "Between Two Fires"		9:56 *** Venom (18)			
STZENC	5:50 *** King Kong ('05) Naomi Watts.	*** Lethal Weapon 2 ('89, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci.					
SyFy	Blade: Trinity	*** Zombieland ('09, Comedy) Woody Harrison, Jesse Eisenberg.			*** Twister ('96) Helen Hunt.		
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Miracle Workers
TCM	Barrit-Wim- pole	*** The Divorcee ('30, Drama) Norma Shearer.		*** Night Must Fall ('37) Robert Montgomery.			
TMC	Into the Wild ('07)	*** The School of Rock ('03, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack.			*** Charlie Bartlett (07)		
TNT	NBA Basketb	NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Toronto Raptors.				NBA Basketball	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures "Gold Rush Hauntings"				Portals to Hell (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	King	King	
USA	5:19 *** Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	The Biggest Loser "Divining In" (N)			:01 Law & Order: Spe- cial Victims Unit		
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 *** 2 Fast 2 Furious ('03, Action) Paul Walker, Tyrese, Eva Mendes.	*** 2 Fast 2 Furious ('03) Paul Walker, Tyrese.			*** 2 Fast 2 Furious ('03) Paul Walker, Tyrese.		

Happily unmarried couple reaches impasse over kids

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for more than a decade. We're nearly 30 now. We are happy not being married, and we both agreed early in our relationship that we would not have kids.

All of a sudden, my boyfriend has decided he wants children. I said maybe in the future, but he feels we're running out of time. I still don't want kids, and it's for selfish reasons. I enjoy traveling, having time to myself and just the two of us, peace and quiet, being able to do what I want when I want without having to worry about kids. Is that so wrong? Where do we go from here? – At Odds In Montana

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby



DEAR AT ODDS: After 10-plus years, "the future" has arrived. It appears you and your boyfriend have reached a large fork in the road. From here you either go your separate ways or agree to relationship counseling to see if there may be a way to bridge this gap.

DEAR ABBY: For the last 25 years, we have gone on several weekend getaways with another couple. They are now suggesting a one-week vacation together. The issue is, they constantly either talk to or text their children while we are with them. They call to tell them the weather, where we're eating, get updates on their various sporting events, etc.

We also have children and grand-children, but we wait until we return home to reconnect and hear about their weekend and tell about ours. We love our kids, but we don't need to be constantly connected.

Except for us, this couple's entire social life appears to revolve around their children's lives, and it is pretty much all they talk about. We're not sure we can tolerate this for an entire week. We don't want to lose these friends, but don't know how to decline a week of this. Please advise. – Vacation From The Vacation

DEAR VACATION: Constantly texting and calling in the presence of others is rude. Because you are hesitant to call them on it, try this: Unless they know you take weeklong vacations with other friends, tell them you prefer shorter visits with

other couples. In their case, it's the truth.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received an email from the grade school-aged son of a close friend, which included a link requesting funding to support his school sports program. My friend told me to expect such an email.

I'm not certain how to respond, as I always encouraged my children to communicate face-to-face when soliciting funds for their school programs, but that was years ago, and I realize this is a new era. It just seems so impersonal to ask for money electronically, especially when I barely know the young man. Are my expectations wrong? How would you handle this? – Check's In The E-Mail

DEAR CHECK'S IN: Despite how the request was made, if you want to support the program, do so. If not, then don't. Personally, I would ignore the email, and if I was asked about it, I would politely decline.

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Who controls the college fund?

DEAR CAROLYN: My parents started a college fund for each of my kids, and said it was so they could go to any college of their choice. I am incredibly grateful. My husband and I have saved some money but not a lot because we are both teachers.

My mom passed away two years ago and things seem different with my dad. My oldest daughter got into college A and college B. She really wants to go to college A, but my dad now says she can use the money only if she goes to college B because it would provide the best opportunities.

I want my daughter to choose the school she likes best. My dad is adamant. Would it be best to seek out other options?

– **Strings Attached**

STRINGS ATTACHED: I have a serious problem with choosing college B just because a boundary-challenged grandfather insists.

But I also know how education debt can drag people down for decades, or for life – with delayed savings, homebuying, further education, etc. It would be inappropriate

ate of someone like me to blithely champion principles when I'm not paying the tab.

So talk to your daughter to make sure she understands all the implications of her two choices – basically between two kinds of servitude, to debt or to Grandpa. To get an idea of the latter, imagine if she chooses B and things don't go so great freshman year – as is pretty common, at least for some part of it. Won't she feel resentful that she chose that school under pressure?

Certainly a kid can withstand that – it's still a subsidized education, a problem many would love to have – but feeling beholden to and controlled by someone changes the emotional chemistry of our experiences.

Give her time to think, and to see how she feels about the choice. If she's leaning toward A-plus-debt, then make sure she has done her homework on the schools and has a few key points she can argue in favor of her choosing A. Then urge her to have a conversation with her grandfather, directly: 1. "Thank you so much for looking ahead to this time." 2. "I understand it's your choice whether to support me." 3. "At your convenience, I'd like to ex-

plain to you why I prefer A over B. I have done my research and don't come to this preference lightly."

He can stick to his decision, sure, but it's OK to force him to say no to her informed and principled face.

Oh, and I almost forgot: Ask the financial aid office at A to increase any aid, given the circumstances. Many schools will kick in a bit more when asked.

RE: COLLEGE: If your daughter gives into your dad now, what else will he be so "adamant" about? Her major? Who she dates? I lived under the thumb of someone like this and chose to go into debt. At least the loans have an end date, and don't harangue you over your personal choices.

– **In Debt**

RE: COLLEGE: If daughter had gotten into college B but not college A, would she have gone happily to B with her grandfather's money? If so, that might be an argument in favor of choosing B now, even though it's galling.

– **Anonymous**

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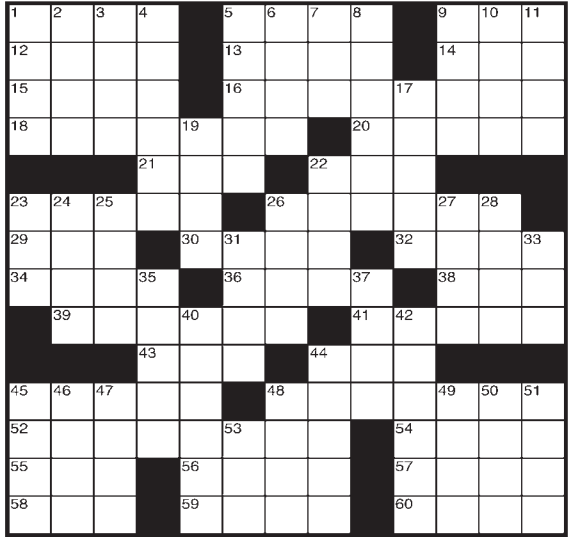
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- 1 Lowers the beams
 - 5 Mountain lion
 - 9 Daughter's brother
 - 12 Smell —
 - 13 Cranston or Shepard
 - 14 Psychological self
 - 15 Memo-randum
 - 16 Those asked to RSVP
 - 18 Feeler
 - 20 Cash
 - 21 Paris article
 - 22 Chilly and damp
 - 23 Runner-up
 - 26 Spanish dance
 - 29 Snow boot
 - 30 Unhappy destiny
 - 32 Timber wolf
 - 34 Chase flies
 - 36 Verse
 - 38 Sassy talk
 - 39 Combines
 - 41 That is (2 wds.)
 - 43 Rx giver

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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IDOL NRI IRAN
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HERS ADE SLOIT

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- 45 Owned apartment, for short
- 48 Winter vehicles
- 52 Cooperate (2 wds.)
- 54 Uncluttered
- 55 Boxing great
- 56 Flu symptom
- 57 Small combo
- 58 Folk song mule
- 59 Phooey!
- 60 Kennel noise
- DOWN
- 1 Emmy winner — Delany
- 2 Press
- 3 Spy — Helm
- 4 Addison's partner
- 5 Extra care
- 6 Forearm bone
- 7 NBA player
- 8 Zoo resident
- 9 Observed
- 10 Type of arch
- 11 Too curious
- 17 Dry off
- 19 Social dud
- 22 Tiber city
- 23 DJ's albums
- 24 Island near Kauai
- 25 Glance over
- 26 Cries of disapproval
- 27 Audition hope
- 28 Osaka sashes
- 31 Fuel cartel
- 33 — out (withdraw)
- 35 Light-headed
- 37 Thick mud
- 40 "That's a shame" (2 wds.)
- 42 Pretty and delicate
- 44 DeGeneres sitcom
- 45 Audit aces
- 46 Earthen pot
- 47 Picture holder
- 48 Run words together
- 49 "Primal Fear" star
- 50 Acclaim
- 51 Remote button
- 53 Turkish horrific



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

UPNTI

FOTYL

LARSIO

DEGAAN

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Print your answer here: " " - " "

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHAME CRUSH SLUDGE PIMPLE
Answer: When his writer suddenly quit, the politician was — SPEECHLESS



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

BRIDGE

In tournament bridge nowadays, almost every-one bids much more than they used to. Putting pressure on the opponents to try to force errors has become de rigueur.

One weapon in this strategy's armory is the five-card weak two-bid. It isn't my style, but it does have its moments, like in today's deal.

North was aggressive in bidding four hearts, but he was expecting a six-card suit opposite.

West led the diamond ace and continued with three rounds of hearts to stop a diamond ruff in the dummy.

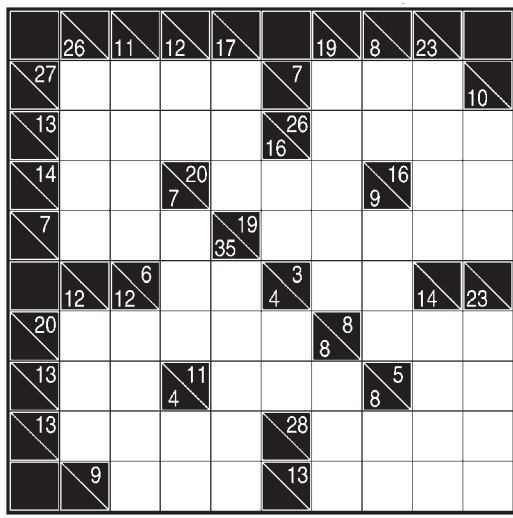
To make the contract, South had to establish a spade for a diamond discard, and he had to find the club queen. He played a spade to the king,

cashed the ace and ruffed a spade in hand.

Now declarer knew that West had at least 16 points: the spade queen, heart ace-king and diamond ace-king. Maybe he also had the club queen, but South decided to play East for that card. However, declarer had to be careful. He led the club seven to dummy's king and continued with the club jack. East didn't cover, so the jack won the trick. Now followed a spade ruff, the club ace, a club to dummy's 10 and the fifth spade for a diamond discard.

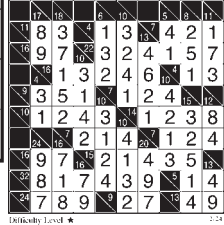
If East had covered the club jack, declarer would have won with his ace and played the club nine to dummy's 10. Then, after a spade ruff, the carefully preserved club two would

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★

Fed's Mester says rate cut unnecessary to offset virus risks

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — A Federal Reserve official said Monday that she does not see a need to cut interest rates yet, even as worries about the viral outbreak that began in China caused global stock markets to plunge and some economists are penciling in a rate reduction by April.

“I see it as a risk to the (economy’s) outlook, but the fundamentals are still strong enough to support trend growth,” Loretta Mester, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, said. “I think our policy is well-calibrated to where we are ... including the risks that are out there.”

She also said that, “we don’t want to overreact to the volatility in the markets” after just one day of sharp drops. The benchmark S&P 500 index fell 3.4 percent on Monday.

Mester’s comments at a business economics conference in Washington echoed remarks by two other Fed presidents on Friday. Both the St. Louis Fed’s James Bullard and the Atlanta Fed’s Raphael Bostic said a rate cut wasn’t yet necessary. Mester is the only one of the three with a vote on the Fed’s policy-making committee.

Yet Wall Street traders are increasingly pricing in the likelihood of a rate cut as soon as the Fed’s April meeting. Traders now see a 55 percent probability of at least one cut by then, according to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange’s Fedwatch tool. The central bank’s next meeting is March 17-18.

Gregory Daco, an economist at Oxford Economics, said the Fed should move quickly to avoid falling behind the curve. If markets continue to struggle, the U.S. central bank could be forced to cut as early as March, he said.

“Watching and waiting at this stage is a risky proposition,” Daco said. “Not reacting to financial market signals can worsen the economic impact of the virus.”

A key issue is how the coronavirus impacts the economy. If it mostly disrupts supply chains and factory output, a Fed rate cut may not be able to do much to restore that lost supply.

But if consumers cut back on spending out of concern about the economy’s health, or businesses pare investment in the wake of slower growth overseas, then Fed rate cuts could offset some of that drop in demand, Mester said.

Catherine Mann, chief global economist at Citi, said that the financial markets were previously complacent about coronavirus because investors expected it to mainly impact factory output and supply chains in China. They thought that would be a temporary hit and the global economy would quickly recover.

But with the virus spreading, it threatens to have a broader impact, Mann said. Travel and tourism around the world will likely be severely crimped and consumers in countries that have been hit by the virus, such as South Korea and Italy, will likely cut back their spending as quarantines are imposed. That won’t be so easily made up.



Andy Wong / AP

Workers wearing protective face masks pull a trolley passing by a quiet shopping mall in Beijing on Monday. Regulators on Monday promised tax cuts and other aid to help companies recover from China’s virus outbreak and expressed confidence the ruling Communist Party’s growth targets can be achieved despite anti-disease controls that shut down much of the economy.

Virus outbreak chills markets, outlook for global economy

By **DAVID MCHUGH**
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — The widening coronavirus outbreak threatens to seriously disrupt the global economy, just as it was steadying itself against headwinds from the U.S.-China trade dispute.

Amid concerns that global output could decline for the first time since the global financial crisis a little more than a decade ago, stock markets sank Monday. In one sign of how sentiment has been negatively hit, gold spiked 1.8 percent to \$1,688 an ounce, its highest level in seven years, as traders sought out financial assets some consider safer in times of stress.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones was down more than 900 points during early afternoon Monday trading, while in Europe, the pan-European Stoxx 600 slid 3.6 percent after an eruption of cases in Italy. Cases were also reported in new countries in the Middle East.

“Compounded with the already dramatic interruptions to global supply chains in China, traders fear that a rapid spread of the disease to other major economies could be enough to temporarily tip global economic growth into contraction in the first half of the year,” said Matt Weller, global head of market research at GAIN Capital.

China, the epicenter of the outbreak, faces the most acute near-term difficulties as

factories lie idle and people remain homebound. But the ripple effects are being felt all around the world, as China is both a major importer of goods as well as a source of parts through intricate supply chains. Growth estimates for China are already being cut.

Concerns are growing in the 19-country eurozone, whose three biggest economies — Germany, France and Italy — are stalling. Concerns over the knock-on effects on Germany, Europe’s export powerhouse, are particularly acute. Germany’s main DAX stock market closed a whopping 4 percent lower Monday.

“Given the latest developments, one has inevitably to talk about downside risks for German exporters,” said Andreas Rees, chief German economist at UniCredit.

Rees cited figures showing car sales in China fell 92 percent in the first two weeks of February, and pointed out that of the 21 million cars sold in China last year, about 1 in 5 was made either in Germany or through German investment in China. Most Chinese auto showrooms are closed.

Meanwhile Italy’s FTSE MIB slumped 5.4 percent as Italian civil protection officials said at least 222 people had tested positive for the virus in the country and that six people had died.

Jack Allen-Reynolds, senior Europe economist at Capital Economics, said the

virus “makes another recession in Italy more likely than not.”

Europeans had been hoping for a modest upturn this year after major economies staggered through a rough patch at the end of the year. Germany showed zero growth in the fourth quarter, while the No. 2 and No. 3 economies, France and Italy, shrank slightly. Two straight quarters of falling growth is one definition of a recession.

The global economy was just stabilizing after wobbles caused by the trade war between the U.S. and China and fears of a disorderly British exit from the European Union. The coronavirus hit just as a U.S.-China preliminary deal and a Brexit withdrawal divorce agreement had boosted hopes for a modest upswing, particularly in Europe.

Now the world economy could see its first quarterly fall in seasonally adjusted output since the global financial crisis of more than a decade ago, says Ben May, director of global macro research at Oxford Economics.

Frequent business and tourism destinations for people from China are already being hit hard, confirming that this will be a key way that the pain will spread to other Asian economies, with Singapore and Hong Kong feeling the effects.

Comparisons to the 2003 SARS epidemic, another deadly outbreak that originat-

ed in China, aren’t reassuring because China’s share of the global economy is much bigger than it was back then, and supply chains moving raw materials, parts and products snake through the global economy more than ever.

Stock markets may have been slow to appreciate the risk posed by the outbreak because they hoped central banks could step in with more stimulus.

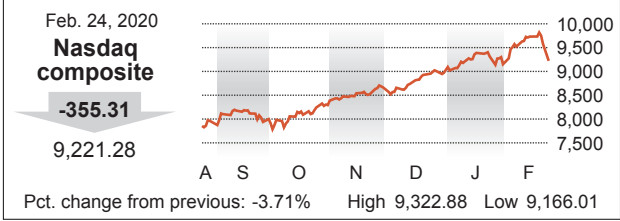
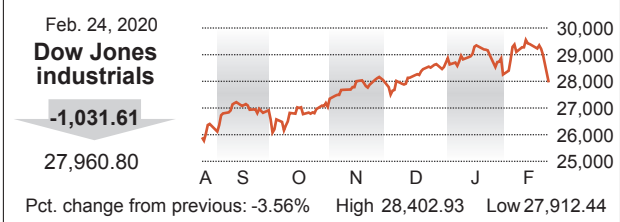
Individual companies have already reported trouble, most notably Apple, which said it will miss its sales target. But it could take until April or May before hard data on production and sales gives a clear picture of the impact on a regional or global level, Oxford Economics’ May said.

Markets are now pricing in a bigger chance for a rate cut by the European Central Bank by July, even though the ECB has already cut rates into unprecedented negative territory. Its key benchmark deposit rate is minus 0.5 percent.

Kristalina Georgieva, the head of the International Monetary Fund, said that the fund’s baseline scenario is that China’s economy slows but returns to normal in the second quarter.

“But we are looking at more dire scenarios, where the spread of the virus continues for longer and more globally, and the growth consequences are more protracted,” she said.

MARKETS



Local Stocks

Amer Elec Power AEP
\$100.04 -2.34 -2.3%
▼ 4-wk. -1.7% ▼ YTD +5.9%

Whirlpool WHR
\$140.77 -8.31 -5.6%
▼ 4-wk. -5.0% ▼ YTD -4.6%

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	LO	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	29.67	39.70	38.05	-.50	-1.3	▼	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	80.66	104.97	100.04	-2.34	-2.3	▼	▼	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	169.50	327.85	298.18	-14.87	-4.8	▼	▼	▲
AutoZone	AZO	916.85	1274.41	1056.64	-25.88	-2.4	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	35.07	45.38	34.06	-1.92	-5.3	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	53.55	69.12	68.25	-.34	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	44.61	60.07	58.65	-1.48	-2.5	▼	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	37.89	47.74	44.60	-1.22	-2.7	▼	▲	▼
Deere	DE	132.68	180.48	171.86	+6.03	+3.6	▲	▲	▼
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	133.01	-5.96	-4.3	▼	▼	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	85.37	119.71	91.04	-2.85	-3.0	▼	▲	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	59.45	83.49	56.36	-2.77	-4.7	▼	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	24.17	31.64	28.31	-1.09	-3.7	▼	▼	▼
1stSource	SRCE	41.88	53.42	46.23	-1.00	-2.1	▼	▼	▼
FordM	F	7.99	10.56	7.57	-.46	-5.7	▼	▼	▼
GenElec	GE	7.65	13.26	11.86	-.67	-5.3	▼	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	179.52	247.12	239.70	-5.64	-2.3	▼	▼	▼
HorizBcp	HBNC	15.21	19.48	16.63	-.34	-2.0	▼	▲	▲
HuntBnsh	HBAN	12.15	15.63	13.50	-.41	-2.9	▼	▲	▲
IDEX	IEX	142.20	178.14	169.44	-4.14	-2.4	▼	▼	▼
IBM	IBM	126.85	158.75	146.43	-4.79	-3.2	▼	▲	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	98.09	141.10	132.16	-3.65	-2.7	▼	▲	▼
JohnJn	JNJ	126.10	154.50	145.91	-3.07	-2.1	▼	▼	—
Lowes	LOW	91.60	126.73	122.91	-3.66	-2.9	▼	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	178.27	221.93	213.52	-2.35	-1.1	▼	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	108.80	190.70	170.89	-7.70	-4.3	▼	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	33.94	49.88	38.99	-1.20	-3.0	▼	▼	▼
Penney	JCP	0.53	1.92	.69	-.08	-9.9	▼	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.68	60.98	59.21	-.40	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
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Mary Altaffer / AP

Clorox brand products line the shelf of a supermarket in the East Village neighborhood of New York.

NEW YORK — Stay indoors and stay clean. That’s what Wall Street is betting people around the world will do given all the fears about a rapidly spreading virus.

As stock markets tumble on worries about how much COVID-19 will harm people and slow the global economy, more than a handful of companies have nevertheless been rising to new highs. They cross a range of industries, but in each of them investors see a chance to make money off fears about the virus.

Clorox is close to an all-time high after jumping Monday amid expectations that homes and hospitals will use more of its disinfecting wipes, for example. Zoom Video Communications, which lets people conduct meetings online instead of in person, has surged nearly 40 percent in five weeks on the belief that people want to avoid getting within coughing range. A host of vaccine makers have shot higher on hopes that they may come up with something to corral the new virus.

In some cases, analysts say the moves are overdone. Medical experts still can’t say how far and how quickly the virus will spread. The rapidly rising numbers of cases outside the viral outbreak’s cen-

ter in China sent the S&P 500 on Monday to its worst day in more than two years. The index is down about 3.1 percent since Jan. 17, when the market set a new high before worries about the virus began to crescendo.

The vaccine makers are particularly speculative bets because there’s no guarantee they’ll come up with anything. But that’s not keeping Wall Street from looking for potential winners. Here’s a look at a few:

■ (SOME) HEALTH COMPANIES

As a group, health care stocks in the S&P 500 are down more than the index since Jan. 17, 4.4 percent versus 3.1 percent. But Gilead Sciences is an outlier, up 15.8 percent over the same time. The company is working on

a treatment for the new virus, named Remdesivir, though it has not been approved anywhere globally for use.

Several other, smaller vaccine makers have shot even higher over the same period on similar hopes. Novavax, whose \$258 million market value is about a quarter of 1 percent of Gilead’s size, is up 42 percent since Jan. 17.

■ COMPANIES THAT HELP PEOPLE WORK OR STAY AT HOME

Zoom Video Communications stock touched \$110 during Monday’s trading, a level it’s reached just once since its shares began trading last spring. The company has said it’s seeing more business from customers wanting to meet online.

Zoom CEO Eric Yuan went on CNBC earlier this month

to say that “everyone is calling us” and usage has been at record levels. Stephens analyst Ryan MacWilliams says the boost in Zoom shares is indeed likely due to being “a play on” the virus outbreak. Summit Insights Group analyst Jonathan Kees, though, cautions that any benefit the company sees from the virus will be “incremental.”

Streaming video services could also be a beneficiary as people look to stay away from crowds. Netflix, which is up 8.5 percent since Jan. 17, and other streaming video companies could benefit “from even the thought of COVID-19, much less its actual arrival and any restrictions that it will usher in,” said Forrester analyst James McQuivey. He called the virus “a mild accelerant” for such digital entertainment services.

■ GOLD MINERS

When fear is gripping markets, investors often run toward gold in a self-fulfilling prophecy. The metal has a reputation for holding up during tumultuous times, which increases demand for it just when such conditions occur. Gold on Monday jumped again to reach a seven-year high. That in turn has helped vault shares of gold miners higher, and Newmont Mining has added nearly 16 percent since Jan. 17.

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The Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26 at 12:00 pm at 499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor

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The meeting dates are as follows: Organizational meeting: Tuesday March 3, 2020, 7:30pm
Board of Review meetings: Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 9am-3pm and Thursday, March 12, 2020, 1:30pm-4:30pm and 6pm-9pm.

All classifications are at a tentative 1.0 factor.
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Appointments can be made by calling Hagar Township Hall 269-849-0455
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERRIEN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No.
2019-0873-DE

Estate of: Richard Evans
Date of birth: 05/12/1942

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard Evans, died 10/28/2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Bonnie Evans, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 02/05/20

Attorney Name: Jamie Ryan Ryke P56503 24725 W. 12 Mile Rd., Ste 110 Southfield, MI 48034 248-945-1111

Personal Representative: Bonnie Evans 2425 Park Rd. Coloma, MI 49038 269-468-7821

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of St. Joseph Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, March 12, 2020, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph City Hall, Com-

LEGALS

mission Chambers located at 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, Michigan to hear and consider the following variance request:

Applicant and owner LECO Corporation has filed a request for the following variance from the City of St. Joseph Zoning Ordinance Section 5-2 - Table 5-1, I-1 Light Industrial Zoning District Requirements to decrease the front yard or street side setback from fifteen feet (15') to two point eight feet (2.8') along the south lot line abutting Hilltop Road to allow the existing five sun shades located above windows on the ground and second floors of the building to remain on the westerly 155'2" of the existing mixed-use building. The applicant received a variance on March 21, 2019 to decrease the building setback to 3.8' for architectural elements and 5.8' for the two-story building addition located at 3001 Lakeview Avenue Street, Tax ID Number: 76-2700-0015-02-8.

All materials concerning this request are available for public inspection at the St. Joseph City Hall - Inspection Department, 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI during normal business hours.

The public and/or counsel is invited to attend, be heard and submit evidence and written comment. Written comment will be received by the Inspection Department at City Hall until the time of the meeting. The Commission Chambers are handicapped accessible.

City of St. Joseph February 24, 2020

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By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Unique people, situations and activities will capture your attention. Exploring what life has to offer and seeing what you can use to reach your pinnacle of excellence will ensure that you stand out and make your mark. Your generous yet humble approach will boost your popularity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Take a look at your options and do whatever will bring you the highest return with the least amount of risk. Don't waste time; if you see something you want, make your move.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

A getaway will help you relax and give you a chance to mull over what to do next. Remain open to suggestions, but only do what's reasonable. Moderation is encouraged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

If you use your imagination, you will come up with a plan that will make a difference. Speak up, take action and become the leader you know you can be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Take some time to evaluate what's transpired, what you have left to deal with and how best to move forward. Make your welfare a priority.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Let go of the past and make room for upcoming prospects. Don't make a fuss if someone doesn't want to take the same route as you. Follow the path that excites you the most.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your appearance will make a differ-

ence. Consider the current trends as well as the classic styles and choose the style that suits you best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A progressive move will help clear the path for future prospects. Consider forming a partnership with someone who piques your interest. A change that will improve your health and overall well-being should be adopted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Proceed with caution. Investments will not be all that someone says they will be. When in doubt, stand still, observe and focus on self-improvement. Walk away from demanding people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Take the lead, start a conversation, share your intentions and get moving. A project that interests you should also help you expand your skills and creativity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Spend more time fixing up your surroundings to suit your needs. If you are comfortable and feel safe, you will find it easier to develop a plan that will help you get ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Listen to suggestions. Don't be afraid to do things differently or make a change mid-stream. Let your intuition guide you and your common sense keep you out of trouble.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Look over your papers, medical records and any contracts that are up for renewal. You'll gain some insight if you revisit what's happened in the past.

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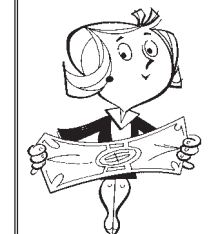
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DIMINISHING GENDER ROLES

BY EVON FITTS **opinion**

Since the beginning of time, it's always been men and women. Two sexes and two genders. Until 1952, when the first person, Christine Jorgensen, a male transitioning to a female, was the first to get gender re-assignment surgery. Since then, and especially in the last decade, the definition of gender has evolved. With this movement has come the discussion of gender roles.

For most of human history we've relied on the biological construction of the genders to decide their roles in society—dating back to the nomadic times where men were hunters and women were gatherers. Now, roles are socially constructed to better fit a more modern time.

The term "gender role" was first used in a 1954 study of "intersex individuals" led by John Money. In this study, Money said that "socially constructed roles, behaviors, activities, and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for men and women" is the World Health Organization's definition of gender roles.

"The main thing that has changed the most is how many jobs women can get now. It felt like you had one of three jobs you could have, like a teacher, secretary, or teacher," Sophie Newland, 12, said.

But how do we get to a point where expectations for one's gender can be determined by people who've long since died and held up by people who have no business in determining what is valid or not? That's where we were historically stuck for decades and really, in many aspects, are still knee deep in this proverbial quicksand. For many years it was that men had to be strong, never show emotion, and make a living for their families.

"Women can now dress any way they want. Very much like when my parents and grandparents growing up there was really specific things they had to wear," Sophie said.

Women were to be pretty, wear dresses with long hair, and be a home maker. That last stigma died for a large majority of people following WW2 when necessity required women to be in the factories doing laborious jobs, before almost exclusively reserved for males. Although the playing field had become a little more even, it was still far from perfect. Workplace equality was birthed through necessity.

The strides made for the sexes are interesting considering they are seemingly inverses— for females, their new-found acceptance in the professional field. New jobs and opportunities have made it much easier for women to be accepted in the modern job market. It's no longer a merry-go-round of the same three jobs. Many male dominated fields have opened up, but are yet to find the equal opportunity for females. As of 2017, only 6.6% of women worked full-time in male-dominated occupations, according to Catalyst.com.

For females, much of the changes had been professional. They were now accepted to work among males in what was historically their fields. The change for men was professional as well, but soon after, the brunt of changes were social. It became more accepted for men to become nurses or dress typically feminine.

We understand that men and women are not the same. Therefore, we separate the genders for things like sports, sexual education, and changing rooms. We notice the natural biological differences from one another. But in today's day and age, we recognize that the biological differences are not enough to separate either party from the group that matters most—mankind.

We have to accept the natural differences and work together to create an even understanding of what we are—not only as men and women. But as a collection of people that make up mankind.

"WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE BIOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO SEPARATE EITHER PARTY FROM THE GROUP THAT MATTERS MOST—MANKIND."

For example, take one of the best cinematic remakes of the 21st century, *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*. In this cinematic adventure, the Apes don't care whether you're a male ape or female ape. All that matters is "Apes together, strong." In a time in constant division we seemingly look for ways to find what makes us different from one another. Why should we seek out our natural differences as opposed to finding our biological and social similarities?

"For many things I don't think gender roles should be necessary. There are so many things like colors, jobs, fashion, where gender roles are not valid at all," Sophie continued.

The division isn't as bad as we make it seem. But we're not as united as many think either. We're here and we must work together to fix the problem; if not, we have no right to dictate what is incorrect. In today's society, many care more about not hurting the feelings of others and not stepping on any toes. It really doesn't matter the gender: Just be what you want and love what you want. Anything else is miniscule.

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These pieces of art are a collaboration among all of Mrs. Julie Beam's graphic arts classes, as well as other community members.

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